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Greenwood to pay Manzer most of higher bill for paving

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Greenwood selectmen last week agreed to pay Bruce Manzer Inc. \$3,200 more than his bid for paving work done this summer on the Greenwood Road.

Manzer had submitted a bid of \$113,621 to shim and pave 2.5 miles of the road, to a width of 20 feet.

But when the bill for the work arrived, it was \$117,165.

Road Foreman Alan Seames said in some places the road had been paved to a width of 22 or 23 feet.

The town officials met with Manzer last week to discuss the issue.

Selectman Arnie Jordan agreed with Seames that the price should remain at the bid amount told. "A bid is a bid," he said, adding that the town should have been notified at the time if it was going to be more.

"If we award it to the lowest bid, it should stay the lowest bid," said Selectman Amy Chapman.

The higher price included 38 more tons, or about two truckloads, of asphalt than was expected.

Manzer argued that the poor condition of the road required more.

"As you know that road was in despicable condition. We were filling wheel ruts, we were bouncing off the high spots," he said.

He said he had mentioned in his quote that he had doubts if the 3/4 inches of pavement requested by the town, along with spot shimming, would be enough to cover the entire road.

"To get within two truckloads of mix we did mighty fine, I think," he said.

But Chairman Fred Henderson said, "Seems to me I'd say anybody should figure the situation on enough tonnage to cover it. It should have figured on enough tonnage to cover. People are always happier when you can tell them it didn't take quite as much as we thought so the bill is going to be a little less."

"If you calculate being a pessimist, you can either lose or you're doing the customer an injustice," replied Manzer.

Henderson acknowledged that the next closest bidder for the job was "quite a lot higher," and that "a percent over, that's not bad."

Manzer said the percentage was less than that. And, See Paving, Page 2



Derek Walker of Woodstock spends every winter weekend ice-fishing on Lake Christopher and nearly always goes home with something to show for it. "Trout, splake, once in a while a salmon," he said. Just before last week's snow came and covered the ice, Walker landed a good-sized splake (a cross between a male brook trout and a female lake trout). A. Chapman

Woodstock Bicentennial events kick off Feb. 7

BY AMY CHAPMAN

The town of Woodstock will kick off the observance of its bicentennial with a celebratory town meeting on Saturday, Feb. 7, the 200th anniversary of the signing of the town charter.

The celebration will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Woodstock Fire Station, and will feature the reading of an abbreviated version of the minutes of Woodstock's first town meeting, said Town Manager Vern Maxfield.

The public is then invited to share stories and remembrances of Woodstock throughout its history.

"We hope that anyone who has a story to tell or a memory of growing up in Woodstock will come and share it," Maxfield said.

Refreshments will be served that are appropriate to the early 19th century time period.

Entries in a student poster contest, coordi-

nated by Woodstock Elementary School teacher Tonya Prentice, will also be judged that day.

The theme of the contest is "Woodstock—Then, Now, or Tomorrow," and it is open to all students of SAD 44 and the Forestdale School, said Woodstock Bicentennial Committee member Jane Chandler.

Submissions are due by Jan. 20, and posters can be created in any artistic media desired, including drawing, photographs, painting, crayons, or graphic arts, she said.

Judges Arla Patch and Monica Mann will award \$25 prizes in each of four age categories: kindergarten through third grade, fourth and fifth grade, middle school, and high school.

Maxfield said there are plans to create a timeline of historical events on a 20-foot long sheet of paper, which will be displayed on the wall of the fire station.

The Bicentennial Com-

mittee will mark important dates in Woodstock's history on the timeline, including the arrival of the first train in 1851, the building of Mann's mill in 1880, and the train wreck of 1955.

Those attending the celebration will be encouraged to add other significant events to the timeline.

There will also be a discussion to finalize plans for the summer bicentennial celebration, to be held on Saturday, June 20.

The Bicentennial Committee has been meeting for a year, said Maxfield, and so far has made plans for a morning parade and evening fireworks as part of the June event.

There will be a chicken barbecue at noon at the Masonic hall on June 20, and public buildings, including the grange, library, and Masonic hall, will be open to the pub-

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Newry withdrawal draft plan proposes 'Stabilization Fund'

BY ALISON ALOISIO

The initial draft of a proposed withdrawal agreement for Newry to leave SAD 44 was released yesterday (Wednesday).

It proposes that if Newry residents vote to withdraw from the district that the town establish a "Stabilization Fund" to gradually reduce the amount the town pays to SAD 44 over four years.

The plan also proposes to establish a "Targeted Grants Fund" to indefinitely provide money over and above the stabilization amounts, and any standard tuition the town might pay for its students in the future.

"We're trying to ease the shock to the system," Newry Withdrawal Committee Chairman Jim Sysko said.

Newry currently pays about \$2.9 million annually toward the SAD 44 budget, based entirely on its property valuation.

Should the town leave, projections show the loss of those funds would have a serious financial impact on the remaining towns (see Citizen article, Dec. 24).

The stabilization plan calls for Newry to pay the first year after withdrawal 80 percent of what it paid the year be-

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How to keep Newry?

BY AMY CHAPMAN

After hearing a recommendation from the School Board's Newry Withdrawal Subcommittee, SAD 44 directors voted Monday to take no action on creating a committee to consider alternatives to the present cost-sharing formula for district towns.

Bethel Director Tim Carter, a member of the subcommittee, said, "We came to the conclusion that we can't both [consider changes to the cost-sharing formula] and deal with the withdrawal at the same time."

Because Newry has already voted to study withdrawing from the district, he said, "we just didn't see how we could make the two of them work together."

Another reason for the subcommittee's recommendation, said Woodstock Director Marcel Polak, is that when members focused on the best interests of the district, "there weren't any outcomes that we really liked. They were all to the detriment of the district."

"We couldn't feel good about, in some way, sub-

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Bethel selectmen: Ice rink, street light, fluoride, sewer bills/fees

BY ALISON ALOISIO

An ice rink, a new street light by the Foodliner, a date for a fluoride hearing and complaints about sewer billing and hookup fees were among the wide variety of issues Bethel selectmen wrestled with at Monday's meeting.

The board decided to put off any attempt to create an ice skating rink on the Common until next year, after concerns arose about liability for volunteer Dwayne Bennett. Town Manager Christine Landes said that after attending a meeting of the town's Recreation Committee last week, she contacted the Maine Municipal Association about the issue. "He could be pulled into a lawsuit if someone gets hurt on the rink," she told selectmen.

Landes said anyone working on the rink would need to be an official town volunteer to be covered by the town insurance. The Rec Committee, she said, also suggested a separate ice rink committee to handle the work.

"I think we're kind of stuck at this point," said Landes.

Board Chair Stan Howe suggested any plans for a

rink this year be shelved and a solution be found for next winter.

Selectman Peter Southam noted that visitors staying in Bethel often ask about a rink.

On another insurance issue, the board approved participating in the Tenant Users Liability Insurance Program (TULIP) which provides insurance for one-time use of town property, such as for weddings and other events on the Common. Groups and organizations can purchase the insurance online.

Light, fluoride, sewer Landes will look into a possible new street light to be located near the Foodliner on Main Street after Selectman

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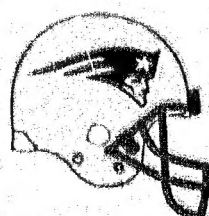
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Letters

WITHDRAWAL WOULD UNRAVEL SOCIAL COMPACT

To the Editor:

The three pillars of sustainability for the Bethel area are a healthy environment, a vigorous economy and an excellent school system.

Our state lands, national forest, privately conserved lands and private property are the basis of our recreation and natural resource based economy. Sunday River Ski Resort, Mt. Abram Ski Area, Hancock Lumber, and many other natural resource based businesses are important economic engines that benefit the entire area.

This area, for its size, has an extraordinary variety of non-profits such as Mahoosuc Arts, Mahoosuc Land Trust and Mahoosuc Kids, all working in various ways to improve our community. We have many significant educational resources that benefit our entire community, such as Gould Academy, Senior College, the 4H Learning Center and the soon to be opened Maine Mineralogical Museum.

One of the most important common assets is our public school system. Our school system is tasked with educating our young residents in preparation for a 21st century economy that is fundamentally different than a generation or two ago. SAD 44, like many school systems all over the country, is facing changing pains. The SAD 44 School Board and the Superintendent are rising to those challenges. That is why we have initiated so many new and innovative programs such as the TIF grant to improve teaching and teacher evaluation; enrolling Telstar seniors free at Central Maine Community College; and the innovative 9th grade/4H Learning Center program. These programs were the result of careful thinking and the realization that we needed to develop a 21st century program that worked for all of our students. My goal is to work collaboratively to transform SAD 44 into one of the best school systems in Maine.

We face some threats. One threat is the state trend towards an aging population and a decline in school age students. One of our best prospects for reversing that is to have an exceptional school system that attracts young families. The SAD 44 towns will not be sustainable without young people. We also need to continue working together to improve the economic climate to attract new businesses and to keep more young people here.

The other major threat is Newry withdrawing from SAD 44. We need the financial support and involvement of all the towns in our area to keep improving SAD 44 and to attract young families and new businesses to this area. Newry's withdrawal will either precipitate enormous budget cuts that will severely undermine educational programs for our students or significantly higher taxes to residents and businesses that can ill afford them. Can we expect to attract more families with students with a diminished school system? With higher taxes, will existing businesses stay and new businesses get started?

Withdrawal will also begin to unravel the social compact of our towns working together, initiated by so many in the business and non-profit sectors. This is the time for all of us to work collaboratively to maintain and develop economic strength and an exemplary school system.

Marcel Polak
Woodstock Director, SAD 44

THANKS TO THE PLOW GUYS

To the Editor:

An Open Letter to the Snow Plow Guys:
Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

While it is still dark and cold outside and I am snug in my nice warm bed, you are out there making the roads safe for me in the snow. I love living here in winter!!

You guys are great!

Allidah Iles
Bethel

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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From the Town Manager's Office

BY CHRISTINE M. LANDES

As always, it is my pleasure to provide this bi-weekly column for the citizens of Bethel. As you are all well aware the price of fuel has dropped. As the Town of Bethel boasts about having the cheapest aircraft fuel in the area, we were forced to look at the price we were charging at the airport. Looking at the price of the last two deliveries of fuel, I averaged the cost and determined that the price would drop from \$5.10 a gallon to \$4.85. This price still allows us to cover the credit card costs (2 percent on average). We do add .01 to each gallon also. Obviously the airport is not in the business to make money on the fuel, so the little addition helps defray some of the fuel machine costs. With the \$4.85 we can still advertise as the lowest guaranteed price of 100LL fuel in the area. Adjacent airports range as low as \$4.76 in Fryeburg to a high of \$6.35 in Rangeley, but of course their price is not guaranteed.

The winter months mean the beginning of the budget process. Each department head has been given a budget calculation sheet to predict costs for FY16. I plan on meeting with each of them to review the department's requests and justify what the needs may be. I am a frugal person, but I also understand that sometimes costs cannot be avoided. I plan on looking at the future goals of each department and determine where we should be headed with planned upgrades and equipment purchases. Putting money away each year for major purchases allows the costs to be spread over a few years instead of one or two.

Once again I am asking each of you to consider volunteering for a board or committee. Several boards have not been able to conduct a meeting due to lack of a quorum. As I stated before, volunteering can be very rewarding! You will learn a lot about your community and will even get a chance to meet the neighbors across town who volunteer. Please come in and fill out a statement of interest. Pick a committee or board that you could contribute something or even one that you maybe feel passionate about. We need your help!

On Jan. 7, 8, and 9, Janice Bland (Stantec representative) and I met with abutting land owners of the airport that may be affected by the planned tree cutting. The meeting allowed those land owners to ask questions one on one and the option to view the map that detailed possible trees that may be an issue. It is expected the project will be completed by spring. When complete, the approach and take off area of the runway will be much safer and allow the 20:1 slope ratio required by the FAA.

I remind all dog owners once again to make sure your dog is licensed by Jan. 30 (Friday). Feb. 1 a \$25 later charge, per dog, will be assessed. Please call the town office if you have any questions regarding this.

The town office will be closed on Monday, Jan. 19, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. And please remember if there is anything I, or the employees of the town, can do for you please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here for you.

Ice Rink

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Don Bennett reported he had nearly hit several people crossing the street one night.

Bennett said it seems like every other location on Main Street has a light, and the Foodliner is a particularly busy traffic area during the winter. "There are a lot of people parking and crossing," he said.

Selectmen voted to set May 11 as the date of a public hearing on whether Bethel should continue to add fluoride to its water. A referendum vote will take place June 9. Bennett opposed the hearing date, preferring an earlier one.

The board heard from two businesspeople concerned about charges they are incurring for their sewer service.

Frank DeDuca of Crossroads Diner said he had received a \$3,600 charge for adding additional seating outdoors. But he argued he only uses it for less than a third of a year. And, he said, people eat outside on his deck instead of, rather than in addition to, eating inside when it is hot in the summer.

"If it was permanent year-round it would be the same charge. It doesn't seem like an equitable charge for the benefit I'm getting," he said.

Selectmen said the town ordinance would have to be

changed to accommodate DeDuca's circumstance. They agreed to put off requiring payment until it could be reviewed.

The board also heard from Patty Thurston, who said that the town's recent effort to extend sewer billing charges to all dwelling units "seems like it has been applied unfairly. It doesn't seem to be consistent."

She said her property, Philbrook Place, has gone from being charged as one unit to six, but there are only two apartments with two bathrooms in it.

She also suggested that older buildings be grandfathered because, she said, people who had made an earlier business decision to purchase them did so based on the laws in place at the time, and could not have anticipated such a significant change.

Howe said town officials realize "there are some inequities" and would look into the ordinance.

Bennett suggested property owners in that situation pay their bills for now and then possibly apply for an abatement if the town makes changes.

Reviewing the ordinances may be a challenge, however, because the former ordinance review committee was dissolved and so far

only Bennett has agreed to serve on a new one.

In other business selectmen:

Appointed Ian Blair and Aaron Crockett to the Planning Board and accepted the resignation of planner Richard Blanco;

Decided to look into constructing a sidewalk on lower Main Street 'inhouse' because it may be cheaper than utilizing a grant;

Decided to get another estimate to fix the Highway Department's 2011 plow truck's frame, which recently broke (the current estimate is \$9,200);

Learned that Landes had met with about a dozen landowners who will be affected by planned tree-cutting for better safety for approaches and takeoffs at the airport;

Decided to send out for bid again planned sewer/water work on Mill Hill, to be funded from the same \$1.3 million loan/grant package used for Vernon Street;

Decided to meet again Jan. 26, and possibly return to meeting regularly twice a month;

Learned Town Clerk Christen Mason will send out foreclosure notices on FY13 real estate liens, with 82 accounts unpaid. That figure compares to 70 last year and 64 the year before.

Paving

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he said, "If I'd said nothing, that I didn't think the conditions were going to make it difficult, I'd take my lumps and walk out the door. I don't think I misled anybody by my assumptions at the beginning."

Manzer suggested that in the future the town ask for bids "not to exceed" a specified tonnage amount.

He added he prepares the bid statements for "a lot" of towns, "because nobody does it."

He agreed to take \$600 off the Greenwood price when Seames pointed out that had been agreed to initially if the town swept the road ahead of the project, which it did.

That left the difference at approximately \$3,600. The selectmen and Manzer then settled at the additional \$3,200.

Manzer recently settled a dispute with Woodstock over extra paving his company had done there, which the town said it had not asked for. The parties agreed to split the difference on the extra cost.

Junkyard complaint

In other business last week, selectmen met with Snowmaking Pond Lane resident Michelle Henley and Code Enforcement Officer Joelle Corey-Whitman

to resolve a junkyard law complaint.

The officials said the property has more than two unregistered motor vehicles in violation of state law.

Corey-Whitman said there have been several complaints about the property over the past five years, and by law she has to respond. Some were verbal and one was in writing, from Mt. Abram owner Matt Hancock, she said.

Mt. Abram has a right of way between Henley's house and garages to access its snowmaking pond, according to Town Manager Kim Sparks. Sparks said Mt. Abram needed 20 feet of road width, and Henley had moved some items to allow that to happen.

Sparks said Henley has been served papers by the town and two court dates were scheduled in the past. Miscommunication, however, resulted in the court dates not working out.

Now a site visit by a court officer, the town attorney and possibly a mediator is scheduled for February, Sparks said.

Henley told the board last week she wanted to resolve the issue to avoid legal fees. She said some items had been removed from the

property and it has been better organized. A fence was also put up and she said more fencing could be put up in the spring.

Henley said she has a summer vehicle and a winter vehicle that she transfers the registration for seasonally.

There are also two plow trucks, a truck that is currently being repaired, a mud run truck and three vintage Camaros, she said.

The mud run truck is trailered to events and is therefore not registered, she said, and the Camaros do not leave the property.

She asked if her seasonal vehicles were in violation when they are out of season, and Town Manager Kim Sparks said they are.

Regarding the general appearance of the property, Henley said she and her significant other have five children and there are often toys in the yard.

The property had belonged to her grandfather, she said. "I take pride in my grandfather's property. And we do what we do," she said.

The town officials said she could apply for a hobbyist's permit to cover the Camaros and possibly the mud run truck, and they will work with her on that.

Our Back Pages

BY DANNA BROWN NICKERSON

10 years ago: Firefighters from four towns were successful in saving the home of Norman Perham in Woodstock after a chimney fire spread to rafters around the chimney.

Fifth grader Adam Mahar was the winner of the Geography Bee at the Andover Elementary School.

Deaths: Andrew P. Howe, Betty L. Bean Hall, Marion F. Strout, Walter G. Osgood, Madeline H. Barker, Carolyn A. Knightly, Howard T. Donahue, Ellen T. Wheeler.

20 years ago: The trailer home of Jeremy Morin, Mechelle Gordon and family was destroyed by fire.

The Planning Board approved an application from Gould Academy to renovate the former Muriel Park Mason house on Church Street and convert it to office space.

Births: Edith Rose Aspinall, Juliana Justine Marques.

Deaths: Helen M. French, Willard P. Colby, John D. Betts, Victor V. Brooks.

30 years ago: Local Olympic hopefuls Jon Owen and Jody Shimamura were training in Lake Placid.

The Northern Oxford Health and Service Council had recently completed purchase of the former A&P building for the future housing of the Bethel Area Health Center.

Birth: Melanie Dawn Ryan. Deaths: John F. Glendenning, Mildred Davis Rollins, Daisy S. Young, RN.

40 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kailey, proprietors of Sunri Ski Shops, purchased the Elwin Dickey property (Amestead) on Main Street, and planned to do extensive renovations.

Telstar skiers won a three-way meet by outscoring two New Hampshire class "A" teams.

Birth: Rebecca Lynn West. Death: Mrs. Ruth L. Allen.

50 years ago: Bethel schools were not in session on Friday, Jan. 15, due to extreme cold. Drivers were unable to start the buses in the -30 degrees temperature.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Bartlett and family moved into their new home on Paradise Road.

Birth: Terry Leigh Berryment.

Death: Paul B. Staples.

60 years ago: Callahan Construction Company reported that the steel portion of the Rumford Point bridge was being readied. Installation was expected to start within a few weeks.

Keith Bradley Bartlett was serving on the 45,000 ton carrier Midway which was bound for the Far East.

Births: Alice Clare Smith, David Ivan Garey, Emily Jane Farnum, Brenda Lee Rogers.

Deaths: Ralph Tripp, Jr., Melissa Williams.

70 years ago: The Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue was in Bethel to give any needed assistance to taxpayers.

A six-man bowling team from South Paris played the Bethel enthusiasts at Central Alleys.

Deaths: Mrs. Carrie A. Flavin, Mrs. Anna R. Files.

80 years ago: Albert S. Grover was appointed deputy sheriff, succeeding Chester A. Cummings, who had held the office for several years.

Twenty-five members of the Comrades of the Way, accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. H.T. Wallace and Miss Dorothy Hanscom, enjoyed skating and dinner at the Bethel Inn cottage at Song Pond.

Birth: Geraldine Estley Judkins.

Deaths: Moses Parker Brown, Emma J. Hill.

90 years ago: A mill for grinding feldspar was being constructed at West Paris.

Frank Flint was running a snow boat on the star route to Hanover.

Death: Abble Andrews Farwell.

110 years ago: Installation of officers of Brown Relief Corp took place at Pattee's Hall.

Under the efficient management of Mr. Chester Wheeler, about 160 tons of ice were put in for the Bethel Creamery Co. in four days.

Death: Adelaide Mason Greenleaf.

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School Board

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verting our ability to negotiate, hopefully to have voters turn down withdrawal," he said.

Director Amy Forbes Devivo of Bethel said she thought formation of a committee to study cost-sharing would send a positive message to Newry residents.

"But if we make no move, they stay the same, with their same arguments," she said. "How do we as a board show we're willing to help keep Newry in this district?"

Greenwood Director Larry Merlino said subcommittee members felt it was important to reach out to the voters of Newry, focusing on the many positive things that are happening in the district.

"You don't know how hard I promote Telstar at those meetings," said Newry Director Bonnie Largess. She serves on the Newry Withdrawal Committee, which also includes Newry Selectman Brooks Morton and residents Jim Sysko and William Andrews.

"I am all over it. And they are not—those other three—are not moving," she said.

Merlino said conversations need to focus not just on the Newry Withdrawal Committee members, but the Newry voters in general.

"How do we communicate, in the press and elsewhere?" he asked.

Largess agreed that it is essential to make Newry residents aware of positive news about the district, but she also thought the formation of a committee to study changing the funding formula would have shown them "that the School Board wants to play, and is trying to work something out."

But, she said, "I understand, you can't do two things at the same time."

"At this point, we want to put all of our energies into defeating the withdrawal," said Polak, who said every possible scenario for changing the funding formula "creates an issue for this district in terms of money. There is no scenario that doesn't."

He said it might be "a gamble" to focus on preventing Newry's withdrawal, but it does not preclude studying possible changes to the cost sharing formula in the

future.

"No action means for right now," he said. "We may come back in a month or two and [reconsider]."

Merlino added that the withdrawal process is expected to take as much as a year and a half to complete, and there is enough time to reconsider changing the formula before withdrawal is brought to a vote in Newry.

"I think it would show the Withdrawal Committee, if we did approve [the cost-sharing study committee], that the other towns are trying," said Largess. "Because that's their gripe, that [the costs] are not the same, because of the value of the property."

Devivo agreed. "The comments I get when I'm out—I'm not asked about the effort," she said. "I'm asked about the money, and the allocation, when it comes to the Newry topic. So I say, this is a way to answer that. This is how you convince those voters not to leave the district."

Following an 8-4 vote to take no action on the formation of the committee, the board voted unanimously to approve a resolution from the subcommittee stating: "It is the School Board's goal to keep Newry in the district. Newry's withdrawal would have a significant negative impact on the quality of education in MSAD 44."

Polak said the Board's Newry Withdrawal Subcommittee would follow all regulations and negotiate in good faith, but they wanted to have the resolution in place to reflect "that [withdrawal] is not something we want to see happen. We want to make it very clear that the board is behind doing everything we can legally [do] to keep withdrawal from happening."

Merlino said the subcommittee's "hands are tied." Legally, he said, "We have to talk about

withdrawal. We can't talk about the money."

"But it's all about the money," said Largess. "They say it's not, but it is."

SCHOOL CANCELLATION

Superintendent David Murphy briefed directors on an incident that led to Monday's cancellation of school throughout the district. A 17-year-old male was taken into custody late Sunday night and charged with making threats against staff and students, he said.

"I cancelled school for today so that we could give the Sheriff's Department enough time to finish their investigation," Murphy said, adding that he had received positive feedback about the decision.

"People were pleased to see that we had erred on the side of caution, and I think we did the right thing."

HOMELESS STUDENTS

The Board heard a presentation from Woodstock Elementary Principal Jolene Littlehale, who serves as the district's homeless liaison. She explained the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2001, which defines homeless children and youths as "individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence."

These may include students who are living in shelters, motels, or campgrounds, or in cars, parks, public spaces, or similar settings. It may also include those who share living quarters with others due to loss of housing or economic hardship.

McKinney-Vento seeks to remove barriers to education for homeless students by requiring that all schools designate a local homeless education liaison who will identify and advocate for them, using best practices to ensure that they are able to enroll immediately and participate fully in

school.

That may include providing transportation services to students who are temporarily staying outside of the district, in order to allow them to continue to attend their school of origin, said Littlehale.

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, districts may use Title I funds to provide certain services to homeless students when needed, including medical and dental services, tutoring, school supplies, and counseling for issues affecting learning.

SAD 44 currently has four students who meet the definition of homeless under the McKinney-Vento Act. Littlehale said students who are homeless usually come to the attention of the homeless liaison through conversations with principals, teachers, guidance counselors, social workers, and bus drivers.

11 STUDENTS AT CMCC

Telstar High School Dean of Students Cheryl Lang updated the School Board on the Central Maine Community College/THS Program, which allows Telstar seniors to attend college classes for credit at CMCC.

The collaboration began last year with four students, and this year there are 11 students enrolled in the program. Lang said all had successfully completed their first semester and are in the process of enrolling in classes for the second semester.

Since the students take all of their classes at CMCC and are not on the Telstar campus regularly, Lang checks in with each of them weekly by phone or email.

The 11 seniors currently attending CMCC were scheduled to participate in a panel discussion at Telstar on Tuesday with the junior class. They were expected to describe their experiences, offer advice, and answer ques-



EAGLE SCOUTS HONORED—Rep. Fran Head presents a Legislative Sentiment to Brendon Stearns and Marcello DeLuca for earning the top rank of Eagle Scout. "My advice to all of the boy scouts who are gathered here today is to never stop finding ways to make our great community even better. Public service, no matter what form it takes, is rewarding beyond measure, and represents the best in all of us," she said. Submitted photo

tions current juniors may have about the program.

Lang said that after students are selected for acceptance to next year's program, they will attend an informational meeting at Telstar with their parents and an orientation and tour on the CMCC campus.

STUDENT EXPELLED

The board entered into executive session twice during Monday's meeting, first to consult with legal counsel, and then to consider a student discipline matter. One high school student was expelled by a vote of the board following the second executive session, Murphy said. He said he could not provide any other details on the student.

Murphy said later that "SAD 44 takes student discipline matters

very seriously. Providing a safe and productive learning environment for all of its students is one of the district's central goals. At last night's meeting to consider a student disciplinary matter, the School Board voted to expel a secondary school student on the grounds that the expulsion is necessary for the peace and usefulness of the school.

"The board also directed the superintendent to give the student and the student's parent written notice of the school district's findings and conclusions, to consult with the family to develop a reentry plan for the student, and to provide the student and the parent with the conditions the administration will consider before recommending readmission of the student to school."



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Briefly

Juvenile charged with terrorizing

BETHEL—Police said a 17-year-old male was charged late Sunday night with making threats against School Administrative District 44 staff and students, who were told to stay home Monday. Chief Deputy Hart Daley of the Oxford County Sheriff's Office said Monday that the juvenile is charged with terrorizing. He said he could not comment on whether the boy was a student. "A rumor had been floating around that was of concern to us involving a possible situation at one of our schools," Supt. Dave Murphy said. "We actually got word of the rumor on Sunday, and spent the day and evening working with the Oxford County Sheriff's Office to investigate the validity. We figured that canceling school (Monday) gives the police an additional day to conduct their investigation." Daley said rumors floating around prior to Sunday of a possible threat were not specific enough to corroborate whether they were true. "The threats made against the school were directed at the staff and the students," Daley said. "As a result, since we had not located the juvenile, SAD 44 decided it would be best to shut down school," he said. "We started investigating the incident and, late Sunday night, we located the 17-year-old responsible for making the threats," Daley said. "We arrested him and charged him with terrorizing." Murphy said, "Safety is our top priority ... There have been so many similar incidents across the state recently, so we're erring on the side of caution right now." In a message to parents Monday afternoon, Murphy wrote, "Yesterday's rumor was focused on the possibility of a disturbance at the Telstar complex. Despite the fact that our other schools were not mentioned, I decided that it would be best to cancel schools throughout the district until the investigation could be completed. Recognizing that situations like this can cause concerns for parents and students alike, I have made arrangements with the Sheriff to have a deputy assigned to Telstar throughout the day for the rest of this week. This added measure is being taken to help our students feel comfortable about returning to Telstar tomorrow. As I stated yesterday, the safety and security of our students is our top priority."

Bethel man sentenced for stealing

PARIS—A Bethel man has been sentenced to six months in prison and ordered to repay \$10,000 he took from an elderly man he did chores for. According to a deal with state prosecutors, Joshua Gaudreau, 28, pleaded guilty in Oxford County Superior Court last week to Class B forgery. He was sentenced to three years in prison with all but six months suspended in exchange for dismissing a Class B theft count. Class B felonies are punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a \$20,000 fine. Prosecutors alleged that between May 5, 2011, and March 11, 2013, Gaudreau forged 28 checks totaling over \$10,000 in the name of Earl Laidlaw of Norway. The money was used to fuel an addiction to the painkiller OxyContin, prosecutors said. During that time, Gaudreau was employed regularly by Laidlaw as a handyman for tasks ranging from automotive repairs, feeding farm animals to conducting specific ATM transactions and handling his mail. He was given Laidlaw's debit card and pin number, according to court records. According to a statement provided along with court documents, Laidlaw wrote that their relationship was similar to that of "father and son." Several years ago, Laidlaw noticed unauthorized transactions on his billing statements totaling \$2,400. When confronted, Gaudreau reportedly confessed and stated he didn't want to go to jail. Laidlaw declined to press charges, and Gaudreau continued working for him, completing chores as "penance." In the beginning of 2013, Laidlaw wrote that he again became suspicious that Gaudreau, who at this time was in charge of getting Laidlaw's mail because his health declined, was stealing money because he noticed he had not been receiving regular bank statements. Laidlaw met with Norway Savings Bank officials to see his statements and pointed out the unauthorized withdrawals, including the forged checks. He calculated they tallied over \$100,000. In June 2013, Gaudreau confessed to the forgery in front of deputies from the Oxford County Sheriff's Office, according to a timeline provided in court records. Laidlaw was a chief clerk in the U.S. District Court in Portland and practicing attorney at Dow's Law Office in Norway. He died in July at age 83. Gaudreau's sentence has been stayed until Feb. 2. He will be subject to special terms and conditions during a three-year probation after completing the prison sentence. — C. Crosby/Sun Media Wire

Woodstock

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lic throughout the afternoon with historic displays.

Chandler is preparing a booklet called "A Passport to Woodstock," to be distributed at the celebratory town meeting on February 7. This will contain photos and descriptions of ten sites around town, including historic buildings, hiking destinations, and

outdoor landmarks.

Participants can have the passport signed or use a rubber stamp to mark it at each site, or they may take a photo to show they have visited the site. They will receive a certificate of completion and a commemorative prize when they bring the completed passport to the town office.

Statement of the Newry Withdrawal Committee on Proposed Agreement

Jan. 14, 2015

Following the town's vote to explore withdrawal of Newry from School Administrative District (SAD) 44, the Newry Withdrawal Committee (NWC) was appointed according to requirements of Maine law and regulations of the Maine Department of Education. The committee of four members has been advised by attorney Dan Stockford of Brann & Isaacson and Mark Eastman, a widely experienced school superintendent. Both these men have extensive direct experience with town withdrawals in Maine.

Following state requirements, we are compelled to negotiate an agreement with SAD 44 that covers the financial aspects of withdrawal. The draft of our proposed agreement was presented to Superintendent David Murphy on 8 January and is being made public tonight, 14 January. While a final agreement will necessarily be the subject of negotiations between NWC and SAD 44, we want to explain the rationale behind our proposed agreement.

In both public and executive sessions, we have focused sharply on one issue: the quality of education available to Newry students in SAD 44. While opinions about that quality naturally vary among committee members—and among Newry residents—the town's vote to explore withdrawal appears to have been based

on the view that Newry receives less in educational quality than it pays in tax revenues. Newry pays over \$100,000 per student, which is about eight times the average paid by other towns in the district and ten times the state average. Newry has only five percent of the students, with an equivalent voting power on the school board, yet it pays over a third of the total cost of SAD 44. To put it simply, Newry doesn't get its money's worth and has no procedure to change the situation except withdrawal.

We have therefore proposed withdrawal from SAD 44, with the agreement that Newry students could attend schools in SAD 44, another public district, or a private school. Newry would pay to the schools chosen the amount of tuition calculated annually by the Department of Education. A new Newry School Administrative Unit (SAU) would be created to oversee this process, under the direction of an elected school committee and a part-time superintendent. In short, this agreement would bring school choice to the residents of Newry.

Because Newry pays far more per student than any other town in SAD 44, Newry's withdrawal will obviously have a large impact on the district's budget. We recognize this fact and have proposed two mechanisms to ease the burden:

*A Stabilization Fund. In the first year after withdrawal, the amount of this fund will equal 80% of what Newry currently pays to SAD 44, minus tuition and the costs of operating the

new Newry SAU. Over four years, the percentage will decline so that by the fifth year after withdrawal Newry will pay only tuition for students attending SAD 44. The other towns in the district will thus have time to bring their tax contributions to a fair level.

*A Targeted Grants Fund to provide money over and above tuition and Stabilization amounts. This fund will be administered by the new Newry SAU and will grant money to SAD 44 from a pool determined annually by voters of the town. These grants will be made based on recommendations from a committee of Newry SAU and SAD 44 board members and will be directed to projects and activities that will increase the quality of education for all students.

The purpose of these two funds is to allow SAD 44 towns to adjust gradually to the withdrawal of Newry funding and to direct additional funding to enhance education. It needs to be noted that the potential impact of these two funds could be to increase overall funding of SAD 44 as other towns gradually bring their levels of support closer to the state average while Newry continues to provide support well in excess of the average.

The draft agreement we are releasing tonight provides details on the proposed withdrawal. Following state requirements, it concentrates on finances. We know that over the next weeks and months Newry residents will review these details, pose questions, and make suggestions. We welcome all views, especially

with regard to educational issues that we will now be able to address in greater detail. Ultimately the town will vote on a final agreement. What happens is not up to the NWC but to the voters of Newry.

That vote is some time away. Tonight we want to emphasize three key points. If Newry withdraws under this agreement:

1. Newry residents will be able to choose what schools their children attend.

2. Newry will continue to provide financing to SAD 44 well above the state per-student average so that other towns can gradually increase their support toward that average, with the ultimate potential outcome of increasing the total resources SAD 44 has available.

3. Newry will contribute targeted funds to SAD 44 beyond both tuition and stabilization support with the goal of improving the educational experience of all students. The amount of that support will be determined not by a mathematical calculation of real estate values as currently applies but through citizen involvement and review of specific activities and projects. At Newry's annual town meeting the voters will finally be able to have a say in how and where their children are educated.

For these reasons, we believe that the proposed agreement, if accepted by SAD 44 and approved by Newry voters, provides the chance to increase community involvement and enhance education for all students.

Jim Sysko, Chair

Newry

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fore, less any amounts incurred for operating a new Newry school unit (which would include tuition otherwise paid to SAD 44 for Newry students). The scenario would repeat for the next three years, but the amount would be reduced to 60, 40 and 20 percent, respectively.

Sysko also said the other towns each currently pay a total that is less than what they would be charged if they simply tuitioned their students to a school district. He said it would be fair to expect them to bring their payments up to that amount.

The Targeted Grants Fund would be an amount determined annually at the Newry Town Meeting, and the grants would be made to SAD 44 based on recommendations from a committee of Newry and SAD 44 board members. They would "be directed to projects and activities that will increase the quality of education for all students."

The proposed withdrawal agreement will now be subject to negotiation with SAD 44, and a committee representing the district will consider a counterproposal to the Newry group's plan.

Education, debts In addition to the above funds, the proposal also addresses the expected standard issues that need

to be resolved - the education of Newry students and the settling of financial obligations between the parties.

Under the plan Newry students could be tuitioned to SAD 44 at a set rate for 10 years, but there would not be an exclusive agreement to do so, allowing parents to send their students to other area public or private schools.

Newry would not operate its own school during that time.

The town would be responsible for all costs of special education and for transportation services for students attending schools outside SAD 44.

Likely to raise questions in SAD 44 is Newry's proposal to settle its debt obligations for bonds, etc. relating to past and current construction projects.

Toward a total outstanding principal of approximately \$1.8 million, Newry proposes to make one payment of \$79,151. The figure is based on 4.4 percent of the total and is equivalent to Newry's percent of the total SAD 44 student population, rather than taking into account Newry's current payments based on its property valuation.

On the other hand, Newry also proposes that for the town's share of SAD

44's undesignated fund balance, to be refunded to Newry, the district pay the same 4.4 percent.

The fund balance amount was not stated in the agreement proposal.

Once SAD 44 and Newry negotiate a final agreement, it would have to be approved by the Maine Department of Education before going to a vote in Newry. A two-thirds majority of those voting would be required for the town to actually withdraw.

If approved, the effective withdrawal date would be July 1, 2016.

For a statement on the proposal from Sysko, see above.



The Way I See It

BY SHARON BOUCHARD

Brace yourself... the brand New Year has brought us the deep freeze! Bundle up your overcoat and all that because it's gosh darn cold!

I'm very grateful that we had one of the warmest Decembers on record. I wasn't expecting it considering that Mother Nature was in a nasty mood at the end of November with snowstorms and single digit temperatures. Consistent 40 and even some 50 degree temperatures in December were a pleasant surprise. I guess that Mother Nature had a mood swing.

Now Mother Nature is showing her true colors and blasting us with a frigid arctic chill. I can actually hear my furnace gulping oil like a drunk. I wonder if Mother Nature made a New Year's resolution to become an ice princess.

Some people make a New Year's resolution to become kinder or nicer to their fellow man or woman. That is apparently not the case with the earth mother.

New Year's resolutions are a very old concept starting over 4,000 years ago with ancient Babylonians. The most common resolutions they made were not to diet or quit

smoking, the two most common resolutions of today, but to pay off all debt or to return all borrowed farm tools or household utensils. Oh, those wild Babylonians.

Personally I don't make any New Year's resolutions. I used to but I never kept a single one. In years gone by I made

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an ice princess.*

pledges to lose weight, save money and take up a new hobby. I might even do well for a short while, but sooner or later I would weaken and spend whatever money I saved on junk food and considered stuffing myself with said junk food to be a new hobby.

I couldn't cope with the pressure of keeping a resolution and I couldn't cope with the guilt of failure.

The only New Year's resolution I ever kept was the year I resolved

to not make any New Year's resolutions. It's been quite a few years now and I've done very well. I suffer no pressure and no guilt.

Some years I do set goals, but they are different from resolutions. With resolutions you make promises to yourself to stop doing or start doing something. With goals you don't promise anything, but you have an idea of what you want to strive for.

I set one goal for myself this year and that's to not think about any goals I have previously set and not achieved and just be myself. No pressure; no guilt.

I guess it's a bit late now for Mother's Nature to make a New Year's resolution of blessing us with warm temperatures since we're all freezing right now, but it would be really nice of her to set a goal of a very early spring, say February.

Whatever the weather will be is totally out of our control and Mother Nature will do whatever she chooses, but the way I see it she could be just a little bit nicer. Maybe she needs to experience a little pressure and when she fails suffer a great deal of guilt.

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OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, Jan. 6

At 11:58 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney received a report of drug activity in Bethel. An investigation was underway.

At 2:22 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney did a welfare check on a juvenile in Bethel. The subject claimed to be all right and denied an offer of help.

A business in Newry reported a problem with contractors using a dumpster. Cpl. George Cayer was assigned.

Wednesday, Jan. 7

At 11:02 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney received a report of criminal mischief in Bethel. A juvenile summons was issued to the suspect.

At 11:21 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham and Cpl. George Cayer responded to South Ridge Road in Newry for a report of an altercation with an intoxicated subject. The subject was given a trespass order and a summons.

At 12:11 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney received a report of criminal mischief and theft from a business in Bethel. The incident was under investigation.

Thursday, Jan. 8

At 12:09 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney contacted Sgt. Tim Ontengco regarding an ongoing investigation and requested that a welfare check be done on a 17-year-old male juvenile who was 'couch surfing' in Bethel. Sgt. Ontengco attempted phone contact and got no answer. Still looking for subject.

At 12:19 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco investigated a report of suspicious activity in Bethel. It was reported that two men arrived in a green truck with an amber light on the roof and told the homeowner that they were there to inspect the furnace. The homeowner didn't call for service and the men advised that they were subcontracted from a Bethel oil company. Some type of work was performed and the homeowner paid them several hundreds of dollars for the work. The case was being investigated.

At 12:24 a.m. a subject who had been given a trespass warning on South Ridge Road in Newry returned to the property and was arrested by Deputy Steve Witham for criminal trespass.

Friday, Jan. 9

At 1:23 a.m. Deputy Steve Witham responded to South Ridge Road in Newry for a report of an intoxicated subject. The subject was taken into custody for disorderly conduct.

At 9:34 a.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco and Sheriff Wayne Gallant responded to a school in Bethel for extra patrol at the request of school officials. The area was patrolled throughout the day.

At 9:36 a.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco responded to Route 2/Mayville Road in Bethel for a report of a three-vehicle crash involving a tractor trailer. No one was injured.

Saturday, Jan. 10

At 10:43 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney received a report of two Telstar students possibly setting up a fight. Both suspected locations were checked and no fight took place.

At 12:18 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney and Cpl. Brian Landis responded to South Ridge Road in Newry for a report of an unattended death. An investigation was ongoing but there appeared to be nothing suspicious.

At 8:57 p.m. a highly intoxicated subject in Woodstock called with a question about lending someone a grow light. Deputy Willie Nelson was assigned.

Sunday, Jan. 11

At 1:56 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney met with Telstar High School officials regarding a possible threat. It was determined at the time there was no threat made.

At 8:42 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham and Sgt. Tim Ontengco were dispatched to Walkers Mills Road in Bethel for the report of a threat complaint. A safety plan was put into place. A juvenile subject was located and taken into custody.

At 9:30 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco and Deputy Steve Witham responded to a Newry business for a report of a juvenile problem. A 17-year-old male juvenile was arrested on terrorizing charges and turned over to the juvenile system.

Monday, Jan. 12

At 1:08 a.m. Deputy Steve Witham and Sgt. Tim Ontengco were dispatched to a business on Main Street in Bethel for the report of an intoxicated male subject. The male was located and escorted back to his room.

At 10:13 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to the Mayville Road in Bethel for wires down. An overheight truck was responsible.

At 12:39 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney received a report of a purse and credit cards taken from a person in Bethel. The incident was under investigation.

Bethel

By Nancy Brown



Eleven people attended the first book discussion of Civil War Stories by Ambrose Bierce on Jan. 7. It was a great turnout considering the subzero temperatures and a snow squall that afternoon. The discussion was led by Doug Rawlings, a professor from University of Maine at Farmington who was representing the Maine Historical Society and the Maine Humanities Council. It was a wide-ranging discussion, mostly focusing on Bierce's stories, but it also included discussion about stories written about other wars, the general history of the Civil War, and the impact of the Civil War on Maine. The second discussion will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. at the Bethel Library. You don't have to have attended the first discussion to attend. Books are available at the Bethel Library. The book discussions are part of the "Local & Legendary: Maine in the Civil War" project, which is a joint project of Gould Academy, the Bethel Historical Society, and the Bethel Library. The project is made possible by a grant from the Maine Historical Society and Maine Humanities Council and is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

A few days ago Melody Bonnema called me with news about John Gasser. John ran the Sudbury Inn in Bethel for several years, starting in November 1972. Now John, along with his wife, Iris, runs Golden Eagle Alpaca Farm in Suffolk, Va. Their herd currently includes 14 alpacas and 7 llamas. The alpacas produce fiber, which is sold as yarn, and the llamas are used to guard the alpacas and also as pack animals. In addition to raising alpacas and llamas, the Gassers also raise produce for sale, including eggs, vegetables, blackberries, peaches, grapes, and blueberries, which they sell at local farmers markets. The farm is Certified Naturally Grown. Their next venture, slated to begin this year, is "llama trekking." They will use local parks and forests for half-day treks with the llamas carrying lunch and gear. Their website, www.goldeneaglealpaca.com, has fascinating pictures of the farm, including shearing of the alpacas, and information about all the livestock

Update on the skunk cabbages: Two weeks ago I wrote about the skunk cabbages that had blossomed in our bog during the warm period after Christmas. The plant has the ability to generate temperatures of up to 27-63 degrees above the air temperature, enabling it to melt through the frozen ground and blossom even when there is still snow on the ground. Unfortunately, the deep freeze of the past week and the new snow has covered the skunk cabbages. I think it's unlikely that the cold will kill the plants because the same heat generating mechanism that allows them to melt through surface snow also enables them to push roots further into the ground ensuring their survival. I'll be watching for their re-emergence.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brown-nancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

East Bethel

By Wally Ritz



Isn't it amazing how, despite the frigid weather, we go about our daily chores, no matter what? On the other hand, I feel we all have different habits of how we spend our time at home and what we do to keep cozy during those days. Myself, I discovered a love affair with electric blankets and throws; add a good book and some TV and I'm snug as a bug. So, what do you do? Call me at 507-1008 or e-mail heinrichcracker@gmail.com. You can also stop in and visit me at the InnSide Shop. I am there Wednesday through Saturday.

Each day is one day closer to Spring.

Have a great week.

Andover

By Jane C. Rich



After 19 years of service as Road Commissioner, Marshall Meisner is not seeking re-election to that post. Both Mark Farrington and David Dolloff have taken out papers for this position. Four people are running for the Selectman seat now occupied by Judy Tabb who is seeking re-election after one three year term. Those taking out papers are: Dianne Cutting, Leo Camire and yours truly. No one has taken out papers for the one year term on our new school board. Other offices to be filled include Tax Collec-

tor, Town Clerk, for which the current holder of those offices, Melinda Averill is a candidate, and two and three year school board positions. Papers must be filed by Feb. 5. Once the filing date has passed, I will endeavor to interview the various candidates so voters can make an informed choice for the various positions.

The Rabies Clinic on Saturday was very well attended with between 45 and 50 people who brought their pets to be immunized against the Rabies virus.

We are still waiting for a date when the new tax maps will be available for inspection by the public.

The Mexico Lions Club has announced the annual Larry Mercier Ice Fishing Derby will take place on Saturday, Feb. 14 with a rain date of Feb. 15. There is a grand prize of \$2,000 for the lucky angler who catches the tagged fish. Personally I can't remember that happening, at least not in recent years. Other prizes will be awarded for the largest pickerel, bass, trout and perch. Refreshments will be available from the Lions Lunch Wagon staffed by the Mexico Explorers.

Another upcoming event is the retirement party for Reverend Jane Rich to be held at the CEB from 1 to 4 p.m. on Jan. 31.

Regular readers of this column will remember that I'm having a house built at 135 South Main Street which is progressing nicely. Despite bitter cold weather and wind the house in framed, closed in, roofed with room partitions in place. I have to personally thank Jim Coolidge, Matt Littlehale and Bruce Fowles for their dedication to this project despite some pretty horrible weather conditions. As usual everyone in Andover is interested in the progress and a lot of people have helped by doing such things as plowing, sanding and snow-blowing so my thanks go out to Stan Morse, Leon Akers, David Smith, Mike Clement, Dan Pearce, Barry Martin, Jason Cole and Brock Clukey for use of his electricity. This has turned into a community project in many ways. That's what makes Andover such a great place to live. Let us not forget the bringer of hot coffee, Foster Tabb.

Bryant Pond

By Alice Hoyt



Sympathy is extended to Marilyn and Wayne Howe and all the Roberts family on the

loss of Marilyn's brother, Carl, Sr.; to Frank Brooks on the loss of his wife Margaret and to John and Andrea White on the loss of John's brother.

Franklin Grange 124 met on Saturday morning, Jan. 3. Regular business was conducted. A potluck dinner was held. Next meeting will be Feb. 7.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service, Bloom for girls 15 to 18 and Foundations for guys 15 and up. Sunday, Jan. 18 will be Fellowship Sunday with a potluck lunch and afternoon service at 12:30. Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 6 p.m. is the annual business meeting.

Leatrice Chase was guest of honor at a birthday party on Saturday, Jan. 3, given by her children. Friends and relatives attended.

If you have news, call 665-2460. Stay warm if you can.

Gilead

By Lin Chapman



It is now a couple of weeks into the new year and I am still having trouble writing 2015. I think that is because I have not done much of anything else these past couple of weeks other than bookwork for the Town of Gilead. Since I am ending 2014, I have to write that on so many reports and have to be sure not to write 2015.

My brother, Steve McLain, told me that Lise picked up the quilt that she had won from the Bethel Historical Society's silent auction. She said it was beautiful. They also want to make note of the fact that one of their Corgis, Mollie Mae, will be celebrating a birthday on Jan. 14.

Chris and Kym Chapman, along with Mariyah and Aunree, returned home to Nebraska last Friday. They left a day early because of the predicted bad weather. They only ran into some rain on their drive back. They left Kym's mother, Sherry, in Portland to board a flight home to Colorado.

Peter Risbara (Risbara's Greenhouse, Portland) called the other day to check on how much snow Gilead had received. We told him that Carole Mason had plowed out the driveway of their place in town after the last storm. While we were talking, he noticed the Osprey that had been visiting his

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place. He said that there had been a pair of them that had been hanging around lately.

Hugh and I went to Gorham last week to attend a talent show that our granddaughter, Sidney Chapman, participated in. She sang a beautiful song, "Make You Feel My Love." She did a great job and was awarded third place. The next day Sidney and her mom, Michele, attended Sid's ice hockey game. She plays for a Berlin team and the game ended in a tie.

Town Office

The town books have closed for 2014. Any unpaid taxes at this point will be subject to interest and will be listed in the Annual Town Report.

Dog licenses need to be paid before Jan. 31 to avoid the \$25 late fee. To license a dog, the clerk must see proof of a current rabies shot if the information is not already on file at the office.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Hanover

By Maria Holloway



Hanover Town Clerk Kelly Harrington reminds all dog owners that licenses are now due. A late fee will be assessed for dogs not licensed by Jan. 31, 2015 and unlicensed dogs will be reported to Animal Control Officer Ozzie Hart. Kelly also reports that the following fees currently apply for first offenses as listed below: unlicensed dog, \$135; un-

vaccinated dog, \$135; dog at large, \$135; dangerous dog, up to \$1500; and animal cruelty, \$500 to \$2500. All calls for animal control must now go through Oxford County Dispatch by calling 207-743-9554 or 1-800-733-1421. Please do not contact Ozzie Hart directly.

The next Select Board meeting will be held on Jan. 20 at 5 p.m. and the next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Feb. 4 at 5 p.m. The Library is resuming regular hours - Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

Locke's Mills

By Betsey Foster



Michelle Henley met with Greenwood Selectmen about the junkyard on Snowmaking Pond Lane. She would like to avoid going to court about this. Henley hopes to obtain a hobbyist permit to allow work on a specific type of car - Chevrolet Camaros - and avoid the junkyard designation.

Stephen Polli will be meeting with the Greenwood Selectmen in hopes of setting up a payment plan to buy back his property on Howe Hill Road. The Town took over the property for non-payment of taxes.

The Selectmen also went into executive session at their last meeting concerning a personnel matter of the Greenwood Fire Dept.

Dogs need to be licensed before Feb. 1 or there is a \$25 late fee. Bring the

pooch's rabies certificate to the Town Office and get the dog licensed this month.

Have you tried the soup-and-sandwich special at The Local Hub? Homemade soups, a wide variety of meat and meatless sandwiches on homemade bread. What a pleasant and yummy break from the burdens of this time of winter.

The sounds of the bitter cold of January are here. The snow squeaks as I walk on it. The pond ice is groaning and booming as it expands and cracks. So far, last Thursday, Jan. 8, has been our coldest day with sunrise temperatures around here ranging between -15 and -25 degrees F. There have been a couple mornings since that have come close to that.

But there is hope. We are now getting about two minutes per day more light. And that amount increases every day. Bring it on.

This winter there are six cardinals, three of each sex, at my bird feeders. While the males' bright red is startling and a delight, their red beaks pale against those bright feathers. The females have a more drab plumage but their red beaks stand out against that drabness. They look as if they are wearing lipstick.

I was told that cardinals prefer safflower seeds so I bought them a bag in the effort to keep these birds around. Neither the cardinals nor the variety of other birds seem to be paying much attention to the safflowers seeds.

They all go for the sunflower. At \$2 a pound, I don't think I'll indulge in any more safflowers.

Another red delight of mid-January is showing its face. The first of the amaryllis bulbs has blossomed with a large orange-red flower. I pot the bulbs in November so they'll open in January and give some relief from the cold and dark of this month.

The lack of red has caught my eye in another way. There are several hairy and downy woodpeckers at the suet feeders. They look alike with the exception of size - the downy is quite small, a bit larger than a chickadee. I was recently told that the females of both species lack the small red band on the back of their heads. Now I'm on the lookout to see which is visiting the feeder.

Please send news and bird chat to 3taichi6@gmail.com.

Mason

By Richard Grover



There were two more incidents of note while we were in Las Vegas. The first occurred in a large casino, the South Point, located on "The Strip" about a mile south of the Cancun Resort condo. We went there because one of the locals we met said he did most of his gambling there, and it was only one bus stop away from our condo. While Peg and Mona were playing slot machines, I went searching for the poker area.

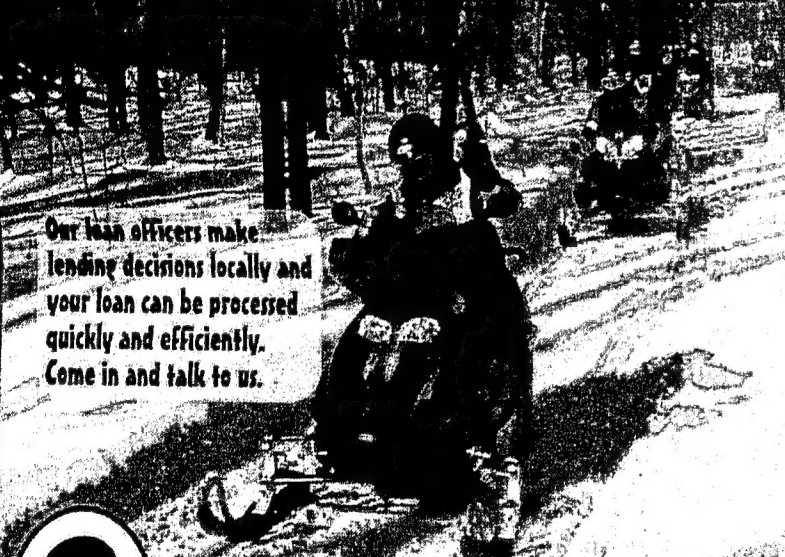
When I found it, there was only one poker table in use, with only four players there. I immediately noted that each player had three or four plastic racks of chips in front of him. I later learned that each rack held about \$400 worth of chips. I knew right away that this was no game for me, because I am not a very good poker player. I was told this was a "pot limit" game, meaning that a player could bet any amount up to the amount that was already in the pot. As I watched, one player bet \$400. The next player folded. The third player raised \$700. The fourth player thought and squirmed for several minutes, then raised \$1,500! The man who made the \$400 bet folded. The third man thought long and hard, stood up and fondled his chips, made some comments about what cards he thought the fourth man had, shuffled his feet for several more minutes, and finally called, saying something about it was only \$1,500 against a \$4,500 pot. When they showed their cards, the fourth man had two pair in a hand that had appeared to be a flush. The third man won with a straight! A young replacement dealer, waiting to replace the dealer at the table, told me that this was the largest pot he had seen in a poker game at that casino.

Another day as we were near the center of the cluster of hotel casinos on "The Strip," I told Mona I wanted to go to the New York, New York casino and ride the roller coaster. The three of us crossed the street on an overhead walkway and entered the hotel. The in-

side is huge and gives one the impression that you are on a street in downtown Manhattan. There are restaurants and shops of all kinds on two or three levels, with overhead signs pointing to features to be found in every direction, including the front desk. The casino is quite centrally located, and Mona and I left Peg at a slot machine while we followed signs up an escalator to the roller coaster. Mona agreed to ride with me if it didn't cost too much money! We had ridden this "coaster" when we got married 18 years ago! When we got to the turnstiles for our tickets, we were the only passengers there, and Mona agreed to go on. At the boarding area, we were still the only ones there, so I said, "Let's get in the front car!" As we boarded, the attendants told us we had to wait until they had at least 10 riders. In short order a group of younger riders boarded, and we were off. This coaster is one of those on solid steel tracks which lead through an opening in the wall of the hotel and up this steep incline just outside the building. We were soon at the top and pitched over into a near vertical 100 foot drop, as Mona moaned, "Holy s.....!" Then it was through a vertical loop, several more climbs, turns, a corkscrew horizontal spiral, more humps and turns and back to start. Mona said she didn't remember it being so fast when we did it 18 years ago! I just had to buy the two photos of us on the coaster (a "before" and one as we pulled "g's" at the foot of the big drop) as we exited back into the casino area.

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Newry

By Doug Webster



As I write, I have found that long-time North Newry resident, Richard Clark, has passed away. Condolences go out to his wife, Betsy, son and daughter and other family members. The Bear River Valley has lost a great one. He was a great friend of my family and everyone in the community. He was a proud veteran and had a passion for hunting and fishing, loving to be in the wilds of Maine and New Hampshire. Dick was a great storyteller. He loved to reminisce about the "good ole days." I am glad that I had the chance to listen and learn a little bit about his life. He will surely be missed. My heart goes out to Betsy and the rest of the family. We are all here for you when you need help. May God bless you.

The Select board is having a special meeting on Thursday, Jan. 15, at 5 p.m. The board will use

this meeting specifically to address budget items. The board received some preliminary information to look at, at the last meeting. This is the time when items are chosen as to what goes onto the town warrant. So if there is something you would like addressed at the Town Meeting, now is the time to speak up.

The Select board is still trying to figure out a new strategy for renting out the Grange Hall. They are in the process of evaluating whether or not to adopt a new rental policy for the Grange Hall. Someone had asked to rent it out for a longer term than usual, making the board question liability issues. They will revise the policy if necessary.

The Mountain Explorer seems to be lost out in the world of government funding. This is what happens when you begin a program that is not sustainable. Once the government (taxpayer) funding runs out, the program either dies, finds new private funding, or comes directly to the local taxpayers to sus-

tain it. If the towns are going to help support the area's equivalent to public transportation, maybe we should create some sort of Uber system (www.uber.com). With drivers available on demand instead of a trolley driving around empty most of the time, the clients are paying to

sustain the rides and local people are making money.

The Bethel Town Manager was at the Select board meeting. I told her I heard rumor that Bethel might have a public skating rink this winter. She agreed that the issue had come up and said the town is looking into the logistics of

it. Good luck to Bethel. I hope they can figure it out. I hope I never see the day when a government body or insurance company or whoever can take away our ability to have a simple skating rink.

As always, be sure to share your news with me, especially if you do not like mine, dwebster@megalink.net.

South Woodstock

By Lolalee Dillingham



Good morning to y'all and a Happy New Year 2015 to each of our readers.

Another cold morning here this a.m. (Jan. 9), it's two above zero this morning, but it sure is better than the weather we had the past few days - 20 degrees below zero is not my kind of weather.

I keep telling myself we do live in the state of Maine and we have lived like this for many moons, it's just that we don't like the weather so bitter cold after a certain age.

Condolences to the families of Virgilene Leet, Hugh Roak and Greg Varney. Our thoughts and many prayers to each family member.

Get well wishes to all of you that are not feeling quite up to par, that darn ole flu bug is making his rounds as usual this time of year.

Birthday wishes are going out to Reese Stubbs Owen, Jim Mason, Sr. and Jack Roberts.

The Down East Country

Music Association will be holding their membership meeting on Jan. 18 at the Trafton Senior Center, (19 Elm Street) in Sanford. For more information, call Jackie at 793-8884.

We entertained the residents at Canton Villa, Wednesday afternoon, what a great group to entertain; they made us feel so welcome and sang right along with us. It was so good to Maggie Stevens, and Joyce Reid; they take the bus over to the Villa a couple of times a month. Anniversary wishes are going out to Walter and Joanne Appleby, Jerry and Debi Verrill and John, and Priscilla Staley.

I am so loving the fireplace here in my office, it puts out great heat and makes it so much warmer out here.

That's all from the valley, this week, please stay safe, and well.

Upton

By Joe Bernier



Sunday breakfast at the Ladies Aid was great, as usual. See you there next week?

The State Line Snowmobile Club is scheduled to meet Saturday, Jan. 17, 9 a.m. at the Upton House.

Last Thursday the outside temperature was double digit below 0. It may seem like a strange choice of days to be thinking about ATV trails, but that is what I was doing. The State of Maine, Dept. of something or other wants all

Music Without Borders encore recital, Jan. 17

Music without Borders Artistic Director Tamara Poddubnaya and two of her conservatory students will appear on the Gould Academy campus for an Encore Recital this Saturday, Jan. 17, 2015. The piano concert is free and open to the public and begins at 7:30 p.m. in Trustees Auditorium of McLaughlin Science Center.

Ilya Ishchenko, a veteran of two Festival seasons and now studying with Prof. Poddubnaya at the Long Island Conservatory, will be joined by 25-year-old Vladimir Tyagunov in presenting a program of works by Chopin, Schubert, Liszt, Mendelssohn, Rachmaninov and Gershwin. Earlier on Saturday, Tamara Poddubnaya will be working with pianist Gorsev Tepe, a Gould freshman whom she first met several years ago at a competition in Europe.

Already a prize-winner in competitions in Europe and the United States, Ilya Ishchenko began his piano career at the age of 8 and participated in two Bethel festivals while a still student at the Buzuluk (Russia) Music College. Following graduation, he returned to the United States to continue his piano studies with Tamara Poddubnaya. Vladimir Tyagunov is a graduate of both undergraduate and master's degree programs at the Chelyabinsk State Academy of Culture and Arts and has performed in solo and chamber recitals in several European countries and in the United States, where he now studies for his Artist Diploma with Prof. Poddubnaya.

Soon to hold its ninth summer season at Gould, the four-week Music without Borders piano festival brings together some of the most promising young artists from Europe and the United States for intensive study with Prof. Poddubnaya, taking advantage of the school's exceptional practice and performance facilities and the warm welcome of Bethel-area residents.

News from the Bethel Food Pantry

The Bethel Food Pantry ended 2014 with much to be grateful for. Thank you to all the people, churches, businesses, and schools that helped. You held food drives, donated foods to collection baskets, donated cash, and helped distribute food on distribution days - the second Monday of each month. Farmers donated seedlings in the spring and vegetables through the summer and fall. We received donations from local businesses that made a huge difference; tooth brushes and tooth paste from Bethel Family Dentistry, food from Wal-Mart. All that effort meant that we were able to nearly double the number of families we help each month. It's our community at its best.

We are grateful for the people who come to the Food Pantry for help. People are proud, and it's hard for many to accept help. Yet the people we help are vital members of our community, they work at area businesses, they are elderly people living on fixed incomes. Often, they're one car-breakdown or medical bill away from a financial crisis. That need, without judgment, is why the Bethel Food Pantry is so important.

The food pantry serves residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hallowell, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. Families have to pick up food for their own family; we cannot let people pick up for other people. If your family has need or you know a family in need, please send them to us.

Volunteers are always welcome, there ongoing efforts to make sure everyone in the area has food security required many hands. And as always, cash donations are the most efficient contribution; our bulk purchasing ability at the Good Shepard Food Bank makes every dollar go far. If you can help, please do. Contact Dave Bean to volunteer at 824-0369. And if you're able, please make a tax-deductible cash donation to The Bethel Food Pantry, P.O. Box 232, Bethel, Maine 04217. Donations can also be left at Northeast Bank on Main Street in Bethel.

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Thursday: Chicken and gravy with mashed potato or Sun Butter and jelly sandwich, biscuit, carrots, cranberry sauce, fruit and salad bar.

Friday: Maxx cheese sticks or Sun Butter and Fluff sandwich, steamed broccoli, kids snack, fruit and salad bar.

Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. No School.

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets with dipping sauce or Sun Butter and jelly sandwich, corn bread, broccoli and cheese, fruit and salad bar.

Wednesday: Ham hoagie on a wholegrain bun or Sun Butter and jelly sandwich, oven fries, honeyed carrots, fruit and salad bar.

Thursday: Mini cheese ravioli or Sun Butter and jelly sandwich, dinner roll, green beans, fruit and salad bar.

Friday: Cheeseburger on a wholegrain bun or Sun Butter and Fluff sandwich, oven fries, fruit and salad bar.

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Thursday: Chicken and gravy, mashed potato, biscuit, honeyed carrots, cranberry sauce.

Friday: Maxx sticks with dipping sauce, steamed broccoli, kids snack mix, fruit choices.

Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. No School.

Tuesday: Chicken tenders with dipping sauce, corn bread, broccoli with cheese sauce, chilled peaches.

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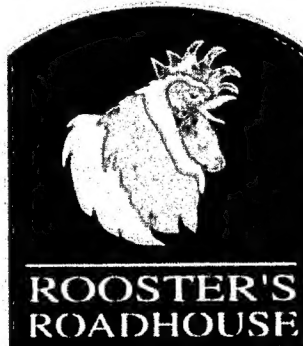
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WEDDING ON ARTISTS COVERED BRIDGE-Frigid temperatures didn't discourage Chris and Kym Chapman from getting married recently in the middle of the covered bridge in Newry. (See Gilead column, Jan. 8.) Pictured are, from left: Ben Chapman, best man; Chris Chapman, groom; Kym Boss (Chapman), bride; Mariyah Boss, maid of honor; Sidney Chapman, flower girl. Notary Public Louise Rice is between the groom and bride.

ATV trail reimbursement grants submitted in January. Looking at the outside thermometer made inside paperwork duties much more tolerable.

One of the Christmas gifts I received this year was a decal. The decal reads, "I heard her say: 'blah, blah, blah, blah' and then I went snowmobiling." See you on the trails. Stay warm, and keep dancing.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Waterford

By Rockie Graham



The full moon is waning but still gives a lot of light at night, and the temperatures have definitely dropped. Apparently that means that potbellied pigs can't go outside to pee any more. It is too cold. Not happy about it, but it is what it is. Sadie leaves for awhile to go visit her mom - Rebecca - and her sisters. They are all in Arizona. It is warmer than here, she's hoping for 70s. They have been there since September and are loving it. Jeff's family of origin is living

there, at least in the winter.

As I said last week, my Lyme has returned with a vengeance. It has put a definite damper on my healing. For now, I am on antibiotics and other drugs meant to deal with healing and anti-inflammation. Not fun, but it is what it is. It impedes my ability to return to work. Maybe next week or the week after.

Condolences go out to Tally Decato on the death of her husband, Lloyd Decato on Dec. 22nd. My thoughts are with you. Also to the family of Barbara Douglas. She was a great lady.

Congratulations go out to Judy Green, author, Judy won the Rocky Coast Writing contest. Judy won top prize for her short story, "Sneaker Wave." Way to go Judy. Keep up the great writing.

Although the lakes don't look frozen enough, people are out ice fishing. Hopefully they are more frozen than they look and no one will go through the ice. On sunny days they appear open, but with the snow it isn't also easy to tell. Be careful.

The days are getting longer - a little bit at a time. I always like that as it gives me more freedom to

be out and about. Staying in because of darkness is not much fun. Also bad weather keeps me close to home. The recent cold snap after so much unseasonable warmth makes it harder, too. I am ready for a change!

Thursday, Jan. 15, there is a community supper at the Wilkins house in Waterford. It is potluck, so make your best dish and bring it, full to share with your neighbors. The Wilkins House is on Plummer Hill in Waterford.

Friday, Jan. 16th, in Lovell, there is a night sky guided snowshoe hike starting at 6:30 p.m. Meet at the Charlotte Hobbs Memorial library on Main Street. Backup date is Jan. 23.

In Norway on Jan. 16, there is a community supper at the 2nd Congo Church 205 Main Street. It is free. FMI call 743-2290. It is from 5-6 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 18, there is a free breakfast 8 to 9 a.m. at the Deering Memorial Methodist Church, 39 Main Street in South Paris. Volunteers are welcome.

That is all for this week. If you want to feed me something for this column, call me at 743-0583. Stay safe and warm and watch out for black ice.

News from the Bethel Historical Society

Society Announces 2015 Calendar of Events

The Bethel Historical Society's Programs, Exhibits and Publications Committee met recently to review and approve a number of upcoming events and exhibit openings at the Society's two museums. Readers are reminded that updates to this year's calendar of events will be posted on the Society's website as they become available.

Feb. 4 - Local & Legendary: Maine in the Civil War project book discussion at Bethel Library ("Civil War Stories" by Ambrose Bierce), 7 p.m.

Feb. 12 - Local & Legendary project; Bowdoin College Professor Patrick Rael will present a program about how the Civil War has been portrayed in film over the past century; Bingham Hall, Gould Academy, 6:30 p.m.; free and open to the public.

March 4 (time TBD) - Local & Legendary project book discussion ("Civil War Stories" by Ambrose Bierce); location TBD.

March 28 - Local & Legendary project and Women's History Month program, "Women Soldiers of the Civil War," a film and discussion event; 2 p.m.; Dr. Moses Mason House (14 Broad Street); free and open to the public.

April 14 - Local & Legendary project/ Annual BHS History Symposium; "Lincoln and the Civil War," marking the 150th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's assassination on April 14, 1865; special display of Gould Archives portrait of Lincoln donated to the Academy in 1911; Dr. Moses Mason House; 2 p.m.; free and open to the public.

April 30 - final day to view "Maine Civil War Trail" exhibit commemorating the sesquicentennial of the Civil War; Robinson House; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

May 17 - Local & Legendary "performance event" based on Bethel during the Civil War will conclude this year-long project; featured will be the Senior College Players and the Androscoggin Chorale; time and place to be announced.

June 23 - Following renovations to the second floor of the O'Neil Robinson House, the exhibit "Bethel: A Historic Town" will reopen in two adjoining galleries. The expanded display will include a number of historic objects and large-scale images from the Society's collection never on view before, as well as newly acquired artifacts donated by members and friends.

July 2 to Aug. 29 - Summer Season Guided Tours of the Dr. Moses Mason House; 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday through Saturday.

July 2 to Aug. 29, Exhibit - "Secluded Glens & Noble Landscapes: Traditional White Mountain Art Recaptured"; Howe Exhibit Hall, Dr. Moses Mason House; Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m.

July 4 - Community Picnic & Concert beginning at 11:30 a.m. on the side lawn of the Dr. Moses Mason House (14 Broad Street).

Sept. 10 - BHS Annual Meeting and Program; 6:30 p.m. pot-luck supper precedes the Society's Annual Meeting at 7:30 p.m., during which officers and trustees for 2015-2016 will be elected and the Noll Volunteer Service Award presented. Program to be announced. Dr. Moses Mason House; free and open to the public.

November - The Society's Robinson House will be closed during the month of November, but will reopen on Friday, Nov. 27 for its annual Museum Shop sale.

Dec. 5 - Christmas at the Mason House; 3:30 to 6 p.m.; free and open to the public.

Annual Fund Update

Recent donors to the 2014 Annual Fund are Amica Companies Foundation (matching gift from Susan Kettinger), Dean and Sheila Bennett, Garret and Melody Bonnema, Thelma Dombkowski, Robert B. Fredrickson, Arlan and Eleanor Jodrey, Matt and Kathy Ruby, Charles Mason Smith, Christopher and Susan Tarr, Patricia Emens Clark, Carol and Ed de Lemos, John and Julia Fox, James and Deborah Oliver, Ned Robertson, Larry Stifler and Mary McFadden, Diana B. Bean, Linda L. Bean, Keith H. Bowden, Paul and Judith DeCoster, David Gates, Wende Gray, Andrea Greenleaf and Carol Jorgensen, Bruce and Shirley Powell. Sincere thanks are extended to these and to the many other donors who made it possible for the Society to achieve its annual fund goal.

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Cause for laughter, a good thing for January

Back for its third year, 'Cause for Laughter' will be held at Mt. Abram on Jan. 24. Established to raise funds for local needy families, 'Cause for Laughter' is spearheaded by Kathleen (Kate) Carroll, supported by an active committee and provides a truly entertaining evening of comedy and fundraising with auction and raffle items of both rare and unusual nature and a 50/50 raffle.

The doors open at 6 with the show beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and include a \$10 voucher toward a 2015 lift ticket at Mt. Abram. Dinner and drinks may be purchased at the Loose Boots Lounge. Attendees must be 21 years and older to attend.

Cause for Laughter announces that Mark Turcotte of Comedy Fix and one of Maine's truly funny guys will co-emcee the event with Carroll. Comedy Fix is an independent fundraising organization bringing some of New England's best stand-up comedians to Maine to benefit local charities.

"Really the only serious thing about 'Cause for Laughter' is its purpose. Aside from this, the event is great fun," says Carroll. "It also represents the best of the local community in the level of support from committee work to donations to our audience."

Items in the Live Auction paint a good picture. In addition to perennial (three-years thus far) donations from the Omni Hotel (a two-night stay), a six-hour Salt Water fishing trip with Peter Fallon and a three-hour private skiing session with Gould's Matt Erickson, donations to Cause for Laughter for the auction and raffle represent the best of local artists, those willing to donate time, and treasures from private homes and collections.

A centerpiece of the auction, local artist Gary Polonski—who holds a Bachelors of Fine Art from the University of Massachusetts where he studied under renowned American Expressionist John Grillo—has donated his painting, Flyin' Monkeys.

"In 2013, I began a series of which Flyin' Monkeys is the fourth work. My hope is to capture the unique character of each Sunday River slope for which each work is named. So far, Risky Business, White Heat, Obsession and Flyin' Monkeys have made it to the canvas." Polonski's work may be viewed in his studio (by appointment) or on his website at <http://garypolonski.webs.com>.

A partial list of other items includes Two-Nights at any Omni Hotel in North America (except Philadelphia and Mexico); Dinner for Four at the Top Shack at Mt. Abram with Owner Rob Lally; a Three-Hour Private Ski Lesson with Gould's Matt Erickson; Retired Sunday River Trail Signs donated by Steve Boulanger; First Tracks and Breakfast with Sunday River Mountain Manager, Jake Treadwell; Two Quilts donated by Mary Ann Griffith, RN and Alan E. Rothberg, MD from Bo's Bags; and, a White Water Rafting Trip for Four donated by Mike St Laurent of Dead River Expeditions. There are many more items in the auction and raffle.

Rooster's Roadhouse, Loose Boots and the Cause for Laughter committee members have tickets for sale; tickets will also be for sale at the door. Steve Etheridge is the Master of Ceremonies and Auctioneer while the Cause for Laughter committee works on all aspects of putting on the show and includes: Barbara Brooks, Bethel; Angie Carroll, Bethel; Kate Carroll, Bethel; Ron Carroll, Bethel; Sue Dunn, Gorham, Me.; Amy Halsted, Newry; Laurie Knowles Herron, Bethel; Linda Michaels, Bethel; Ross Michaels, Bethel; Jeannie Ralilly, Bethel; Sheila Reardon, Hanover; Jeff Watts, Hanover; Lynn Watts, Hanover.

Carroll noted that additional businesses are involved. She extends particular thanks to Mt. Abram Ski Area, Rooster's Roadhouse and Royal River Graphics for their support.

Workshop on Facebook and Instagram, Feb. 11

Community Concepts Finance Corporation is offering a workshop on Content Marketing 101: Using Facebook and Instagram to Tell Your Story on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Bethel Inn Resort, 21 Broad Street, Bethel.

The cost to attend the workshop is \$25 for members of any of the chambers of commerce and business associations that serve Oxford County and \$30 for nonmembers and businesses that are not a chamber member. To register for the workshop go to www.wmedc.org and click on Events or contact Mia Purcell at the Western Maine Economic Development Council, 739-6543 or mpurcell@community-concepts.org.

Effective and successful content marketing is photos, words and more that you create to tell the story of your business or non-profit online and enchant, inspire, engage, persuade and convert your audience.

Linda Varrell, founder and president of Broadreach Public Relations, will explain why "content is king" when it comes to creating an identity and promoting a brand online. With a focus on Facebook and Instagram, Linda will cover the basics of telling a story, creating dialogue and ultimately engaging fans and customers.



Gary Polonski's Flyin' Monkeys.

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Sports



High School Nordic Skiing

Leavitt Hornet Classic Ski Race; Jan. 10 – The Telstar Nordic team competed in this 5km event. The girls came out 7th overall and the boys were 9th out of 18 schools competing. Boys' Results: 44. Liam Gallagher 17:37; 48. Kellen True 17:43; 53. Greg Wheeler 18:03; 83. Elijah Laird 20:01; 112. Gaelen Boyle-Wight 21:46; 122. Joshua Eliot 22:38. Girls' Results: 14. Carla Boyle-Wight 18:47; 24. Gabi Stone 19:22; 41. Kaitlyn Brown 20:37; 53. Marta Opie 21:20. The day was beautiful with blue skies, perfect snow and perfect wax. – Coach Southam

High School Boys' JV Basketball

Telstar 49, Lisbon 39; Dec. 22 – The J.V. Boys traveled to Lisbon for a match-up with Greyhounds. The Rebels played a solid all-around game and came away with a victory. The boys played tough defense throughout limiting Lisbon to only 19 second half points. Blake Rothwell had another big game with 26 points, while Jeremiah Richardson anchored the defense on the other end. – Coach Kimball

Mt. Valley 44, Telstar 22; Jan. 3 – Telstar traveled to Rumford to take on the Mountain Valley Falcons. The J.V. Rebels came out ice cold to start this game and played catch up for the rest of the night. The first half was sloppy but the Rebels picked up the defense in the second half holding the Falcons to only 14 second half points. Blake Rothwell had 6 points while Aaron Vermette, Tanner Wheeler, and Zach Stone all had 4 points. – Coach Kimball

Middle School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Buckfield 37, Telstar 36; Jan. 7 – The Telstar MS Varsity Boys Basketball team visited the Buckfield Bucks to kick off the New Year for the first game back after vacation. In a very close game, the Rebels lost. Bradley Lessard led the scoring for Telstar with 18 points while Ryan Beckerman added 8 points, and Colby Marriott tossed in 4 points. – Coach O'Connor

Telstar 42, Buckfield 33; Jan. 9 – The Telstar MS Varsity Boys Basketball team hosted the Buckfield Bucks on Friday to try to improve from Wednesday's loss. With a fast start to the game, the Rebels came out on top with a victory. Ryan Beckerman led all scoring with five 3-pointers totaling 15 points, Tommy Watson worked hard for 14 points and Fin McLaughlin and Bradley Lessard added 6 points each. The team is now 1-3 for the season. – Coach O'Connor

Mountain Valley Rec Basketball League

Through the first six weeks, Laid Back Installers (6-0) have shown they are the team to be reckoned with this year. With Ranor (4-1) off this past week, LBI increased their hold on first place with a thumping of a depleted Matterhorn (2-3) team, 115-65. Chris Baxter accentuated the victory with a loud dunk over an unexpected Matterhorn defender in the closing seconds. Baxter (31 points) led LBI and was supported by Jon Benjamin with 25 points and Eric Canwell with 22 and his first solid dunk of the year. Guards Owen Jones and Tyler Chaisson had another 13 and 11 points respectively. Chaisson's point-guard play rounds out a very athletic and hungry team. The Matterhorn has had difficulty scoring this year. They were paced by Steve Lizotte with 17 points, Matt Newell with 15, Peter Chase with 12 and Glen Dubois with 10. Bethel (2-3) later took apart Jay (1-4), 94-65. Bethel had a solid defensive effort and an outstanding game from Ryan Savage with 31 points. Captain and Big Man Ryan Kimball had 26 resounding points, Mike Delduca had 17 and Matt Zinchuk and Kevin Bean had 10 each. Jay (1-4), who appears solid on paper, has yet to put a complete game together. Point Guard Nick Weeks was obligated to lead the team in scoring with 21 points, followed by guard and captain Levi Armandi with 12, Dave St. Germain with 11 and Tim Turner with 10. Finally Neptune (0-5) couldn't get enough players and forfeited to Archie's (3-2). This Sunday, LBI takes the weekend off while The Matterhorn plays Jay at 10 a.m., Neptune and Bethel play at 11:30 and Ranor hosts Archie's at 1 p.m.

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Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street.

"Civil War Stories" Book Discussion; A book discussion on "Civil War Stories" by Ambrose Bierce will take place at the Bethel Library Feb. 4 and March 4 at 7 p.m., led by Doug Rawlings, representing the Maine Historical Society and The Maine Humanities Council. Books are available at the Bethel Library. The discussion is part of the "Local & Legendary: Maine in the Civil War" project, a joint effort by Gould Academy, the Bethel Historical Society and the Bethel Library Association.

Saturday, Jan. 17

Music by John Sayles; 11:30 a.m., Old Squire's Farm Market, 493 Main Street, Norway.

Maine Ski Museum Skee Spree; Sunday River's White Cap Lodge. 12 to 4:30 p.m., Ski memorabilia display; 2 to 3, Fireside chat "Down-Mountain and Cross-Country: 145 Years of Skiing in Maine;" 4 to 6:30, Reception; 4 to 5:30, Live and Silent Auctions. FMI: www.skimuseumofmaine.org.

Live Music with Brad Hooper; 2 to 5 p.m., Black Mountain Ski Resort, Rumford. Hooper's vocal quality often has him pegged as a "blues man," but his content spans many genres making it difficult to pigeonhole the guy. Americana, roots, blues, folk, you'll have to decide for yourself.

Good Time Rock 'n Roll with Carl Vee; 3:30 to 6, Mt. Abram's Loose Boots Lounge. Playing music from the 1950s through the 1980s.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Adults/\$5. Playing old-fashioned dance music.

Music Without Borders Encore Recital; 7:30 p.m., McLaughlin Science Center, Gould Academy. Ilya Ishchenko will be joined by Vladimir Tyagunov in presenting a program of works by Chopin, Schubert, Liszt, Mendelssohn, Rachmaninov and Gershwin.

Tina Kelly Band; 8 to 11:30 p.m., Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

Sunday, Jan. 18

WES PTA Longaberger Basket Bingo; Locke's Mills Legion Hall. Doors open at 11 a.m., first game at 1 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door for 16 games. Tickets available at the Woodstock Elementary School. Door prizes, raffles, lunch options available. FMI: 665-2228 or 890-2812.

Winter Inspired Community Event and Food Drive; Mt. Abram. Bring in 5 non-perishable foods and receive \$5 off a lift ticket. After skiing, stay for the family event from 4 to 6 p.m. where children (accompanied by a parent) can take part in winter-themed craft-making that will be used to decorate the lodge.

"The Social Gospel" Service; 9 a.m., First Universalist Church of West Paris. Rev. Fayre Stephenson will lead a service reflecting on Universalist roots and remembering Universalist theologian, Clarence Skinner.

Tuesday, Jan. 20

SCORE Constant Contact Workshop; 6 to 7:30 p.m., Norway Town Office, 19 Danforth Street, Norway. "E-mail and Social Media Marketing with Constant Contact" is a FREE program designed to give small businesses and nonprofits some simple ideas to grow their customer, prospect or member network. Registration must be received by Friday, Jan. 16. FMI/Registration: Rebecca Dowse (743-0499 or dowse@roadrunner.com) or http://conta.cc/1wvZZQK.

Wednesday, Jan. 21

SeniorsPlus; 1 to 4 p.m., Norway Town Hall. Representatives from SeniorsPlus, the Area Agency on Aging, will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Free and open to the public. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

Beginner Beekeeping Class; 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. (Registration begins at 6 p.m.), Region 9 School, Mexico. This is the first of

11 weekly classes which will include information on acquiring honey bees, setting up hives, harvesting honey, disease prevention and hive management for each season. Students have the support of club members as they gain hands-on experience with their honey bees. \$40, includes classes, books, handouts and a one year membership in the Western Maine Beekeepers Assn. FMI: Carol Cottrill (364-0917 or WMBA@roadrunner.com).

MLT "This is Your Backyard" Series; 7 p.m., McLaughlin Auditorium, Gould Academy. Dr. Stephen Mulkey, president of Unity College, presents "This is Your Climate Challenge." Snow date, Feb. 4. FMI: www.mahoosuc.org or 824-3806.

Thursday, Jan. 22

SCORE Roundtable; 8 to 9 a.m., Norway Town Office, 19 Danforth Street, Norway. "Managing Employees - Best Practices" will be presented by Erika Douglass, Director of HR at Maine Machine Products Co. and Hoppe Technologies. Coffee will be available at 7:45. FMI/Registration: Gerry Nelson (743-0499 or Gerry.nelson@scorevolunteer.org) or http://conta.cc/1AN6LZ5.

The Biology of Music; 4 p.m., McLaughlin Auditorium, Gould Academy. A lecture/performance by the DaPonte String Quartet. The quartet will explain and perform works by Mendelssohn, Schumann and Brahms. Free and open to the public; reception following the performance. Co-sponsored by Western Maine Senior College and the Mahoosuc Arts Assn. FMI: Jim Beeko (824-4545).

Fourth Thursday Poetry Program; 5:30 to 7 p.m., Rumford Public Library. Bring a friend, bring a poem to share. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments. FMI: 364-3661.

Friday, Jan. 23

Après Ski Music with Jim Tasse; 3:30 to 6 p.m., Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

Hope Assn. Winter Dance; 6 to 8 p.m., 85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. Featuring Joe "The Music Man" Sirois. Open to the public. Refreshments will be available. Donations to benefit the Hope Association welcome.

New West Guitar Group; 7:30 p.m., Medallion Opera House, 20 Park Street Gorham, N.H. Tickets: \$12. FMI: www.medallionoperahouse.org.

Saturday, Jan. 24

Cooking Presentation; 12:30 p.m., Old Squire's Farm Market, 493 Main Street, Norway. Albert Judd offers a presentation on preparing eggplant and tomato fritata.

Live Music with Ralph Arsenault; 2 to 5 p.m. Black Mountain Ski Resort, Rumford. A multi-talented musician, Ralph never disappoints an audience with his solo acoustic performances. FMI: http://www.ralpharsenault.com/.

Public Supper, Stuffed Pork Roast; 4:30 to 6 p.m., VFW Post 9787, Lower Main Street, South Paris. Adults/\$8, Kids/\$4.

Live Music with Skosh; 6 to 9 p.m., Black Mountain Ski Resort, Rumford. Influenced by the likes of Lynyrd Skynyrd, Pink Floyd, Grateful Dead, J Geils, & Phish, this 5 piece rock, funk, Ska band is sure to rock your ski socks off!

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Adults/\$5. Playing old-fashioned dance music.

Sunday, Jan. 25

"That all Souls..." Service; 9 a.m., First Universalist Church of West Paris. Joan Beal will lead a service on justice and the UU guiding principle of living so that "all souls may grow into harmony with the divine."

Alan Day Garden Meeting/Seed Order; 1 to 3 p.m., the Commons, Main Street, Norway. Everyone is welcome to participate in this Bulk Seed Order, which offers outstanding prices and a wide variety of organic, open-pollinated seeds. Order forms will be available at the meeting and pre-payment is appreciated. Seeds will be delivered and repackaged for pickup at the Seed Swap and Seed Saving workshop co-hosted by the Center for an Ecology-Based Economy (CEBE) in the Fare Share Commons (date and time to be determined).

Monday, Jan. 26

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or http://meoc.maine.edu. Free and open to the public.

SeniorsPlus; 1 to 4 p.m., Fryeburg Public Library. Representatives from SeniorsPlus, the Area Agency on Aging, will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Free and open to the public. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

Wednesday, Jan. 28

Brown Bag Lunch Discussion; 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., the Moses Mason House. In this session we'll talk with conservation biologist and climate activist Ken Hotopp about ways to address the global challenge of climate change at the local level. Sponsored by Western Mountains Senior College. Free and open to the public. Snow date: Jan. 29. FMI/RSVP: Nancy Davis (381-1110 or nancydavis@megalink.net).

Community Supper (No Charge); 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2289 for more information.

Saturday, Jan. 31

Felting Class; 11:30 a.m., Old Squire's Farm Market, 493 Main Street, Norway. Bethany and Stella Shaw will present a felting class - an excellent learning experience for adults and children.

Retirement Party/Gathering for Rev. Jane C. Rich; 1 p.m., First Congregational Church. Join Rev. Rich for appetizers and desserts to commemorate her 23 years of service.

Full Moon Hike; 5:30 to 8 p.m., Mt. Abram. Mt. Abram staff will transport skis and boards to the top so participants can enjoy the hike to the top and then ski/ride to the bottom by the light of the full moon. Post-hike music with Chad Porter begins at 8 p.m. in Loose Boots Lounge.

Live Music with the Jim Gallant Band; 6 to 9 p.m., Black Mountain Ski Resort, Rumford. A talented guitarist, whose repertoire ranges from classical guitar to blues, jazz and country, Jim is sure to delight a crowd. Jim has been featured on WCSH 6's 207 and has performed throughout New England.

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Monday, Feb. 2

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or http://meoc.maine.edu. Free and open to the public.

Socrates Café Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Topic: Does climate change change everything? Moderator: Bart Hague. Light refreshments provided. FMI: 583-6957.

Saturday, Feb. 7

Raising Spinach in Winter; 11:30 a.m., Old Squire's Farm Market 493 Main Street, Norway. Presented by Peter Coleman.

White Grass Festival; Mt. Abram. An absolute can't miss. The only live bluegrass festival on snow in Maine. Live bluegrass bands all day. Main lodge: Grasshops 12 to 2 p.m.; Jerks of Grass 3 to 5 p.m.; Milltown Roadshow 6 to 8 p.m. Westside lodge: Jerks of Grass 12 to 1:30 p.m.

Woodstock Bicentennial Kickoff; 1 to 3 p.m., Woodstock Fire Station. Come join your neighbors in recreating the first town meeting for Woodstock that took place 200 years ago! Plans for the larger June 20 celebration will also be discussed.

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Saturday, Feb. 14

Healing Naturally with Herbs, Spices and Foods; 11:30 a.m., Old Squire's Farm Market, 493 Main Street, Norway. Presented by Suzanne Dunham.

Saturday, Feb. 21

Running a Sustainable Dairy; 11:30 a.m., Old Squire's Farm Market, 493 Main Street Norway. Presented by Heidi Durgin.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Laird Bean. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the home of Fernand Coriveau.

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First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI: 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church- Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. 1063 South Main St. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Road, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor and Nicholas Lutz, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults, teens and children; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available); 4:30-6 p.m. Kidz Klub (4 yrs-5th grade). Thursdays: 5-7 p.m. Middle and High School Youth Group. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 (for all ages). Pastor Peter Carter. The third Sunday of every month at 9 a.m. breakfast open to the public, no charge. Morning Worship 10:30. Wednesday evening 6 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study. FMI, transportation or prayer please contact Elaine Carter 415-9136, or Juanita Korhonen 665-2528.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Route 26). Fr. Gregory Dube may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements. FMI: 824-2933.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street. Rev. Richard Bennett. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept.-May. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689.

United Methodist - 79 Main Street, Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship service 9 a.m. FMI: 824-2027.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533.

Pleasant Valley Bible Pastor Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30 to 5 p.m.

(Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). FMI: 836-2828. Visit us on our Facebook page.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 357-7814.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. (North Waterford and East Stoneham Congregational Churches will hold their joint services in the church on Route 5 in East Stoneham during May.) Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9 a.m., followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

LOCKE'S MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9 to 10 a.m. Choir practice at the church every Friday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. 875-3355.

NORTH WATERFORD/STONEHAM

OXFORD COUNTY UNITED PARISH (North Waterford and East Stoneham) - Summer services at 9 a.m. in the North Waterford Church on Route 35 across from Melby's Eatery. On July 20 a special-and-casual-church service will be held on the Fairgrounds during the Waterford World's Fair, with shuttle service available on site. In September, services will return to the East Stoneham Church, Route 5, and the regular hour of 10. All are welcome.

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wednesday Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (corner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 207-890-9944 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, South Paris. Pastor Nancy Moore. Sunday morning service 11 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday

Service 8 a.m. Singers operation third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m. FMI: 689-8000.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, South Paris across the park from the Post Office. FMI: call Ursula Brandon at 665-

2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Norway. Services Sunday at 9 a.m. and Wednesday at 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 743-6782; e-mail christch@megalink.net.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake. FMI 743-2491.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass. FMI 743-2606.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11 a.m. worship. (Sept. - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. FMI 743-2828.

OXFORD

St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass. 276 King St. Oxford.

Our Lady of Ransom: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational- Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m. 207-388-2610.

WEST PARIS

First Universalist Church-208 Main St., W. Paris. 9 a.m. services September to June. FMI: Bob Clifford 674-3442.

West Paris Baptist - 15 Church St. Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School- 11 a.m.; Word of Life Youth- 6 p.m. Word of Life Olympians (kids club)- 6 p.m. Wednesday, Ladies' Bible Study- Monday, 6:30 p.m. Food pantry for West Paris residents, first and third Tuesdays of month, 1-3 p.m. Pastor Scott Randolph, 876-6854.

Mission Congregational Church - Wallace Farnum, pastor. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Mid-week Service Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Greg Carlson 207-527-2551, Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. FMI: 824-8669.

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News from the Prime Time Ski Club

"Happy New Year!" was the most common greeting heard at North Peak Lodge the first week of January as Prime Time Ski Club members returned to the slopes of Sunday River after a summer-long hiatus. Although some members ski in November and December, many don't start their ski season until after the holidays. However, the numbers at the North Peak meeting place were down this year compared to the past few years due to below zero temperatures for most of the first week of the New Year. Yet not everyone stayed inside to read a good book by the fireplace—a hard-core group of skiers showed up each weekday morning and skied well into the af-

ternoon, thanks to occasional warm-up rides inside the cabin of the Chondola. Those who ventured onto the slopes found excellent ski conditions, including fresh powder and uncrowded trails.

The Prime Time Ski Club is for those 50 years or older and its main mission is to make sure that "no one ever needs to ski alone." The club boasts a membership of more than 125 skiers and non-skiing spouses or partners. Our active skiers range in age from 50 to 80 plus. Anyone looking for someone to ski with should meet at North Peak Lodge at 10 a.m. (upper level, right hand side past the bar.) After a brief time for announcements, members usually break into

small groups of four to eight skiers, based mostly on skiing ability and speed and terrain preference.

Although Prime Time is primarily a ski club, the past few years it has become more of a year-round social and outdoor activity club as well. From the end of last year's ski season in April to the opening ski days in November, many Prime Time members have participated in a number of activities with other club members. Some activities are informal like gathering at someone's lake house for an afternoon of swimming and boating or getting together to kayak or bike. Other activities are more structured like a lobster bake held the end of the summer in a member's

yard under a rented tent. Twenty-something members spent three or four days in Bar Harbor in June hiking, biking, kayaking, shopping and relaxing.

However, now it's time to think snow and skiing although social activities still dot the Prime Time calendar. There are monthly pot luck dinners, Go50 Week activities the end of January, trips to other mountains and informal game nights as well as the camaraderie of skiing partners to make the lift rides seem shorter and the ski runs more enjoyable. Check out our web site at www.prime-timeskiclub.com for membership information and a schedule of activities.

WorkReadyNH tuition free class

It's not too late to sign up for the three week, 60 hour WorkReadyNH class to be held at White Mountains Community College, Jan. 20 to Feb. 5. The WorkReadyNH program at WMCC helps participants improve their workplace skills, increase marketability and add a nationally recognized credential to their resume. Successful completion of WRNH leads to the National Career Readiness Certificate and the White Mountains Community College Soft Skills Certificate.

In addition to a wide range of "Soft Skill" practices identified by employers as key to workplace success, participants will also learn effective job search techniques necessary to successfully navigate the current employment market. WRNH classes are available to New Hampshire residents, regardless of employment status and are completely tuition free.

Graduates of WorkReadyNH state that they "feel much more prepared to compete in today's job market and have the skills to bring value to area employers." Just a few of the comments include, "The program was fabulous! It exceeded my expectations and I would definitely recommend WorkReadyNH for everyone: people looking for work, employees and employers too." Another participant said, "The program helped me to see the bigger picture of how a business runs and what it needs to succeed. It helped me to understand how I fit into that picture."

According to Judy Woodward, WMCC WorkReadyNH Program Coordinator, the training seems to be working. "The employment success rate of our graduates continues to be high, with an average of 76 percent reporting that they are employed, and more than 62 percent of those employed stating that they found employment within the first 2 weeks of graduation."

To learn more about WorkReadyNH and how it can help you to build confidence, build skills and build your career, please call 603-342-3099 or ask a NH Works staff member for a referral. See more information at www.ccsnh.edu/workreadynh.

New passport partners for WinterKids

The 2015 WinterKids Passport is now available at WinterKids.org. The Passport is a great way for Maine families to try new winter activities, including downhill and cross country skiing, snowboarding, ice skating, snow tubing and more. Each and every 5th, 6th, and 7th grader in Maine is eligible for a Passport, which contains free and discounted tickets, lessons, and rentals at more than 50 outdoor recreation areas all over the state.

WinterKids is delighted to announce four new Passport partners for the 2015 season:

The Outdoor Center, Newry, featuring cross-country skiing; Big Squaw Mountain, Greenville, featuring downhill skiing; Heywood Kennel Too, Raymond, featuring dog sledding and North Atlantic Figure Skating, Falmouth, featuring ice skating lessons.

The WinterKids Passport helps kids turn the "winter doldrums" into positive, life changing experiences.

WinterKids Passport holders can also take advantage of Passport Perks and WinterKids Days. Passport Perks include deals and discounts at select Maine retailers and organizations. WinterKids Days are a way for Passport holders and their families to take advantage of deeply discounted tickets on select dates throughout the winter. Learn more at WinterKids.org.

The WinterKids Passport began in 1997 as part of the Ski Maine Association. In 2000, WinterKids became an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Since then, the organization has grown in exciting ways to deliver innovative programs that are making a difference in the lives of Maine children. Today, WinterKids offers an array of outdoor, active programs for families, schools, and communities.

WinterKids is the nonprofit organization that helps children develop healthy, lifelong habits through fun, outdoor winter activity. WinterKids' Major Community Sponsor is Hannaford. WinterKids' Supporting Sponsors are TD Bank and L.L. Bean.

Alan Day Garden kickoff

The Alan Day Community Garden is kicking off its seventh year with an open Community Meeting and Organic Bulk Seed Order. Everyone is welcome. This will take place on Sunday, Jan. 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. at The Commons on Main Street in Norway. Healthy refreshments will be served.

For most gardeners, this is the mid-point of winter and a fitting time to start thinking about garden plans, including starting the seedlings that take the most time to mature, such as onions, peppers, brussel sprouts, and celery. Everyone is welcome to participate in this Bulk Seed Order, which offers outstanding prices and a wide variety of organic, open-pollinated seeds. Order forms will be available at the meeting and pre-payment is appreciated. Seeds will be delivered and repackaged for pickup at the Seed Swap and Seed Saving workshop co-hosted by the Center for an Ecology-Based Economy (CEBE) in the Fare Share Commons (date and time to be determined). Seeds can also be picked up between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. M-F during CEBE business hours.

At this meeting, Garden representatives will welcome everyone to the Garden by summarizing its history and how far the effort has come in its six years. "It's all about building community," says Coordinator Rocky Crockett. "We're thrilled to see all kinds of people in the garden. Children, teenagers, and elders get excited about homegrown food, Youth Leaders tend the CSA shares, and gardeners help each other all season long." The Board is also planning the Garden's 2015 free workshop schedule. Some workshops are already planned and have been offered before (such as Scything, Garden to Gourmet, and Seed Saving) but there is room for others. If you have a workshop idea or wish, bring it to the meeting for discussion. Committees for this year will be introduced and members solicited. Committees include Education, Workshops, Earth Day, Seedling Sale, the annual Light the Garden fundraiser in June, and the Harvest Party in October. The Board of Directors is also looking for a new member.

If you've always wanted to learn to garden, or if you wish you had a place to garden, this is a perfect time to get involved. Plots are available for rent for a nominal fee and funds are available this year for anyone who cannot afford the fee. It's fun and educational to garden with other people, and gardeners represent a whole range of expertise and experience.

The Alan Day Community Garden serves elementary school children, employs Youth Leaders, offers a CSA to local businesses and individuals, and offers garden plots to anyone who would like to garden. Created in 2009 to honor the memory of local philanthropist and artist, Alan Day, it is a 501(c)3 organization that accepts tax-deductible donations. It is located at 26 Whitman Street in Norway, across from the Grange. For more information, contact AlanDayCommunityGarden@gmail.com, call 743-2423, and/or visit the website at alandaygarden.wordpress.com.

The celebration is on our doorstep

Isn't it exciting to be a part of history! The Woodstock Bicentennial will be kicked off beginning Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015.

The first part of the celebration will be held at the Woodstock Fire Station from 1 to 3 p.m. in Bryant Pond. Come join your neighbors in recreating the first town meeting for Woodstock that took place 200 years ago!

Plans for the larger June 20 celebration will also be discussed.

There's a wonderful heritage to be shared and celebrated with neighbors and friends.

Apply for Bethel Art Fair

Attention artists and artisan crafters, the Mahoosuc Arts Council is accepting applications for the 26th Annual Bethel Art Fair, Saturday, July 4, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rain date July 7).

A variety of artists and fine crafters are being sought whose artwork represents oil, watercolor, pastel, encaustic, pen and ink, charcoal, colored pencil, tempera, acrylic, fiber art, sculpture, blown glass, wood carvings, jewelry and more.

There will be judged artist award ribbons in wall-hung, artisan and photography categories as well as limited purchase awards. Honorable mention ribbons will also be awarded. Booth spaces are limited in the idyllic setting on the historic Bethel Common. All work is required to be of original design and creation of the exhibitor.

Single booths are 12 x 12 feet in dimension and cost \$90. Applications must be received by June 15 for inclusion in the Bethel Art Fair program.

Application is also open to food vendors. Food booths are 12x12 feet and cost \$125, including electricity. Duplication of items is avoided. Food vendors must supply proof of insurance and are responsible for cleaning up trash on the grounds immediately surrounding the booth.

PMI: Contact the Council Director Aranka Matolcsy at 207-824-3575 or e-mail info@mahoosucarts.org. Artist/Artisan and Food vendor Application and guidelines are also available on our website: www.mahoosucarts.org.

Old Squire's hosting presentations, music

The Old Squire's Farm Market is offering free presentations and music on Saturdays beginning Jan. 17, 2015. Visitors to the Saturday market will be able to enjoy, learn and gather information on a range of subjects scheduled from January through March. The presentations are free and open to the general public, and will cover a wide range of agricultural topics. Starting times vary but most presentations begin at 11:30 a.m.

Kicking off the Saturday events on Jan. 17 is music by John Sayles, a former farmer and current stay-at-home dad. John lives in Portland and has been playing guitar and writing and recording music for over 20 years.

Late winter is a good time to educate about agricultural practices and methods, as well as to encourage more families to plant home gardens. Presentations for January begin with Albert Judd on "preparing eggplant and tomato frittata" on Jan. 24, 12:30 p.m. Our second presentation is on Jan. 31 with Bethany and Stella Shaw; they will give a felting class that starts at 11:30 a.m. This is an excellent learning experience for adults and children.

Leading off our February topics is organic certified farmer Peter Coleman on "raising spinach in winter" on Feb. 7, 11:30 a.m.; Suzanne Dunham will cover the topic of "healing naturally with herbs, spices and foods" on Feb. 14 at 11:30 a.m.

On Feb. 21, Heidi Durgin will discuss "running a sustainable dairy" and will provide samples of new cheese products the Durgins have been perfecting this winter. And our last Saturday event in February will host farmers with information on Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) shares from their farms. In late February we will provide information on March Saturday presentations.

For further information about the Old Squire's Farm Market events, call Cindy Creps at 577-1612, e-mail Patricia.Verrill@harvestmoonproduce.com at harvestmoonproduce@gmail.com or stop by the market on Thursdays 2 to 6 p.m. or Saturdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The market is located at 493 Main Street, Norway.

New books at Norway Memorial Library

Fiction

Andrews, Donna – The Nightingale Before Christmas; Baldacci, David – The Escape; Barron, Stephanie – Jane and the Twelve Days of Christmas; Beukes, Lauren – Broken Monsters; Black, Lisa – Close to the Bone; Butler, Robert Olen – The Empire of Night; Carl, JoAnna – The Chocolate Clown Corpse; Castle, Richard – Raging Heat; Clark, Mary Higgins – The Cinderella Man; Cornwell, Patricia – Flesh and Blood; Diamant, Anita – The Boston Girl; Evanovich, Janet – The Job; Evans, Richard Paul – The Mistletoe Promise; Flora, Kate – And Grant You Peace; Hall, James W. – The Big Finish; Horowitz, Anthony – Moriarty; Lovett, Charlie – First Impressions; Margolin, Phillip – Woman with a Gun; May, Peter – The Lewis Man; McDermid, Val – The Skeleton Road; Patterson, James – Hope to Die and Private India; City of Fire; Perez-Reverte, Arturo – The Siege; Preston, Douglas – Blue Labyrinth; Ryan, Hank Phillippi – Truth be Told; Scottoline, Lisa – Betrayed; Smith, Ali – How to be Both; Toews, Miriam – All My Puny Sorrows; Waite, Urban – Sometimes the Wolf; Wilde, Lori – Christmas at Twilight.

Nonfiction

Zamperini, Louis – Don't Give Up, Don't Give In: Lessons from an Extraordinary Life; Chopra, Deepak – The Future of God: A Practical Approach to Spirituality for Our Times; Choquette, Sonia – Walking Home: A Pilgrimage from Humble to Healed; Lamott, Anne – Small Victories: Spotting Improbable Moments of Grace; Couch, Dick – Navy SEALs: Their Untold Story; Gawande, Atul – Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End; Creighton, Allan – Helping Teens Stop Violence, Build Community and Stand for Justice; Smith, Joanne Huist – The 13th Gift: A True Story of a Christmas Miracle; Ferber, Richard – Solve Your Child's Sleep Problems; Pantley, Elizabeth – The No-Cry Sleep Solution: Gentle Ways to Help Your Baby Sleep Through the Night; Vigil, Jerry – Day of the Dead Crafts: More than 24 Projects that Celebrate Dia de Los Muertos and The Story I Want to Tell; Daum, Meghan – The Unspeakable and Other Discussion; Dunham, Lena – Not That Kind of Girl; Johnson, Marilyn – Lives in Ruins: Archaeologist and the Seductive Lure of Human Rubble; Bolger, Daniel P. – Why We Lost: A General Inside Account of the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars.

Biography

Bush, George W. – 41: A Portrait of My Father; Cumming, Alan – Not My Father's Son: A Memoir; McCandless – The Wild Truth.

Maine Fiction

King, Stephen – Revival.

Maine Nonfiction

Desmond, Jerry R. – Turning the Tide at Gettysburg: How Maine Saved the Union.

Paintings by Jung Hur at Gould

The Owen Gallery of Gould Academy is pleased to present Shift: Paintings by Jung Hur. The exhibition will run beginning Feb. 16.

The public is invited to an artist talk with Hur and local painter Veronica Cross on Friday. Daniel Kany (Maine Sunday Telegram art critic and author of several catalogs about Hur's work) will give an introduction to Hur's work. Hur, Cross and Kany will take questions from the audience and will be available at the public reception following the talk.

The exhibition features 15 new acrylic on canvas paintings by Hur. The work will be on view in the Owen Gallery, but several large works (8 x 12 feet) will be on view at the library and other campus locations.

Hur's paintings are largely abstract but they are generally organized around a pair of Yin Yang-like forms based on an antique key and keyhole design. Hur tilts and arranges these forms in grids as they interact with his muscularly gestural and painterly surfaces.

Hur's newest works rely more heavily than ever on rhythms established by his lulling grids. These rhythms are further energized by a newly saturated and fiery palette.

Hur's system-oriented paintings dig deeply into binary pairs like yin/yang, inside/outside, form/color, lens/reflection, figure/ground and so on. For this reason they comprise both spiritual and intellectual content with equal dedication and vigor.

For Shift, Hur is producing a limited series of 24 x 15 inch serigraph prints that will be available for sale to the public for \$40 each.

Jung Hur (b. 1960) is a Korean born and educated painter who, after years in New York, lives and works in Portland. He is also a master chef (and the owner of Fuji, a sushi restaurant in Portland's Old Port) who has incorporated food into a sort of artistic conversation with his paintings. Hur has had numerous solo shows in Korea, New York and Maine. His most recent major solo exhibition was Change at the Art Gallery of the University of Maine at Farmington. In Maine, Hur is represented by the Corey Daniels Gallery.

CMCC Dean's List

President Scott Knapp of Central Maine Community College has announced the Dean's List for the Fall 2014 Semester. Students on the President List earned a semester grade point average (GPA) of 3.9 or higher (on a 4.0 scale). High Honors denote a minimum GPA of 3.6 and Honors recognizes those with a minimum GPA of 3.3.

President

Andover: Brianne M. Bailly; Bethel: Phillip M. Dougherty, Sheri L. Wilson; Bryant Pond: Jennie M. Edwards; Greenwood: Bronson M. Dean; Hanover: Christine A. Terkelsen; Waterford: Heather L. Barker, Cassandra A. Heath.

High Honors

Albany: Brianna L. Santos; Bethel: Allison J. Kelly; Bryant Pond: Matthew J. Bolen, Jessica M. Piawlock; Waterford: Michelle S. Corriveau.

Honors

Albany: Baylee Hatstait; Bethel: Travis A. Brown, Sarah J. Demer, Kayla M. Verrill, Gary H. W. Iamson; Bryant Pond: Leola R. Ballweber; Greenwood: Felicia T. Curtis, Joshua B. Yates.

Vendors sought of Old Squire's Farm Market

The Old Squire's Farm Market located at 493 Main Street, Norway is renewing applications for current participating vendors and seeking to include more area farmers and producers to our growing farmers market. There are a few specific product lines the market needs or products that the demand is greater than what our current members can supply.

Some of the farm products the market is seeking to add are cheese, herbal products, fiber items and canned preserves such as applesauce, green beans, corn, tomatoes, beets and pickled products. Eggs, maple syrup and honey are all products that we currently offer but we need more of. Value added products such as granolas, beverage drinks, ice cream, heat and eat foods, cereals, and grain items like flour and wheat berries are all needed to help round out the market's offerings.

The market seeks members who grow or produce the items themselves and who are in good standing in our community and with their fellow farmers. The market offers potential new members two methods of participation at the market. The market rents shelf, refrigerator or freezer space to producers who cannot attend on the days the market is open. The second option is the traditional farmers' market style of setting up a table and selling direct to the customer. The market is open on Thursdays 2 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 15 is the date of the market's new winter solstice quarter.

The Old Squire's Farm Market is poised for expansion as spring arrives and the weather permits vendors to move up onto the Old Squire's Green, next to C & C Farm's store location. Interested parties are invited to visit the market on open days, or contact us by calling Cindy Creps at 577-1612 or e-mailing Patricia.Verrill@harvestmoonproduce.com.

Beginner beekeeping classes

The Western Maine Beekeeper's Association will hold their annual Beekeeping School starting Wednesday Jan. 21, 2015 at Region 9 School in Mexico. Eleven weekly classes are scheduled on Wednesdays 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. The sessions are taught by area beekeepers, so the information is both practical and relevant to the climate in Western Maine.

Class subjects include acquiring honey bees, setting up hives, harvesting honey, disease prevention and hive management for each season. Students have the support of club members as they gain hands-on experience with their honey bees. Throughout the summer club members hold Open Hive Meetings to demonstrate the application of the information that was presented in class.

Registration will be held Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria of Region 9 School in Mexico. Pre-registration is not required. The cost is \$40 which includes the classes, books, handouts and one year membership in the Western Maine Beekeepers Association. Anyone interested in learning more about the Bee School – or the club – can contact Carol Cottrill (364-0917 or WMBEA@roadrunner.com).

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

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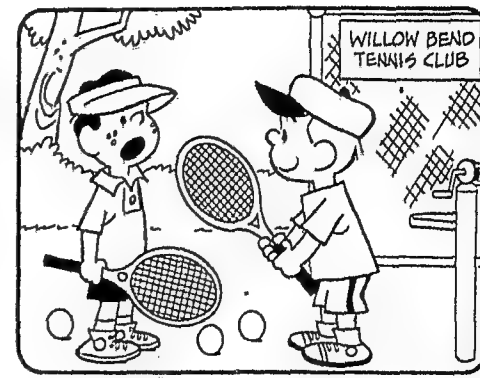
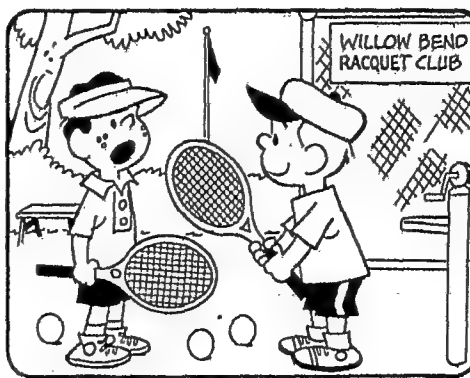
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Bench is missing. 2. Button strip is smaller. 3. Racket is moved. 4. Flag is missing. 5. Sign is different. 6. Shorts are different.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: S equals W

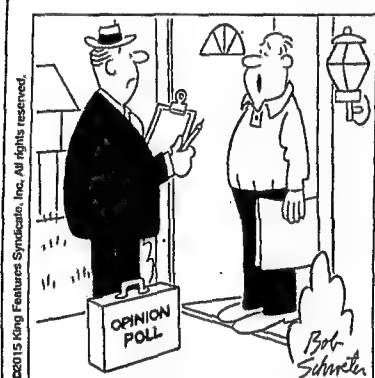
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"Sorry, but since we got a home computer I no longer have _____!"

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

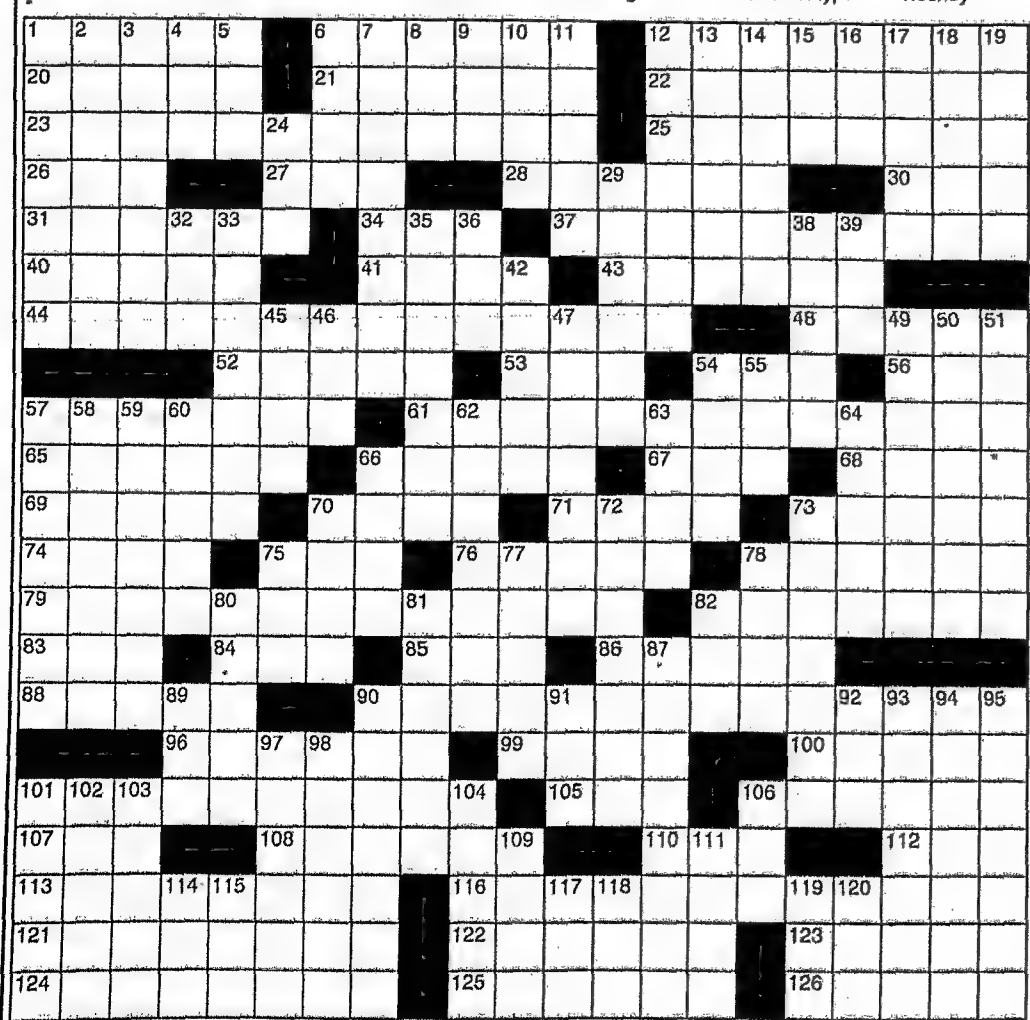
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TODAY'S WORD

Super Crossword

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 - 6 Bathers' scrubbers
 - 12 Like alcoves and nooks
 - 20 Mr. T's TV group, with "The"
 - 21 Approach and speak to boldly
 - 22 Loathed one
 - 23 Vinton, Eunice and Ellen's mom
 - 25 Planted again
 - 26 — Lingus (Irish carrier)
 - 27 "It's cold in here!"
 - 28 Hold together firmly
 - 30 Also
 - 31 Outpatient facility
 - 34 "Allow me, — may ..."
 - 37 Bud and Kelly's mom
 - 40 — acid (fat product)
 - 41 Garcia of fashion
 - 43 Applies, as a coat of wax
 - 44 Wednesday and Pugsley's mom
 - 48 Proficient
 - 52 Salad green
 - 53 Suffix with bureaucrat
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 - 66 Long green
 - 67 Work with
 - 68 Milk, in Paris
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 - 71 Sped
 - 73 TV actress
 - 74 Jennie
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 - 76 Pious person
 - 78 — jumping (extreme sport)
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 - 86 Like single-purpose committees
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 - 121 Precise
 - 122 Little hills
 - 123 Physicist
 - 125 Alloy of zinc and copper
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 - 2 Literature's "Moor of Venice"
 - 3 More wary
 - 4 Bud
 - 5 "Let's see now ..."
 - 6 Oz Lion player Bert
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 - 10 "Hang on —"
 - 11 Razor sharpener
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 - 16 The lady
 - 17 Many a taxi
 - 18 Edit
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 - 24 Easy as — family name
 - 32 Louse-to-be
 - 33 Winter spikes
 - 35 Giant flops
 - 36 Ky, neighbor
 - 38 Talk big
 - 39 German for 30-Across
 - 42 "I thought we had —!"
 - 46 Street — (urban acceptability)
 - 46 Suffix with court or hotel
 - 47 Like part of Russia
 - 49 Official ban
 - 50 Less rude
 - 51 Cuts canines
 - 54 Be reflective
 - 55 Wood splitter
 - 57 Kid's sled
 - 58 "Sweet —" (barbershop song)
 - 59 Monte Carlo resident
 - 60 Very edge
 - 62 How pajamas fit
 - 63 Harm
 - 64 — flowing with milk and honey
 - 66 Feline call
 - 70 Address God
 - 72 Four roads
 - 73 Firearm storage item
 - 75 Mahmoud Abbas' gp.
 - 77 Often-sprained joint
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 - 82 "— ching!"
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 - 89 Even score
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 - 91 "— shocked!"
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 - 93 Biblical shout of praise
 - 94 Innocent
 - 95 Halls
 - 97 Allocate
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 - 101 "Bam!"
 - 102 Right wrongs
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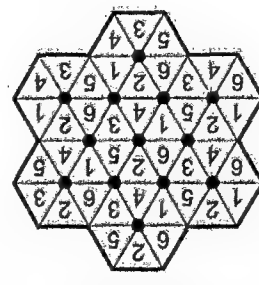


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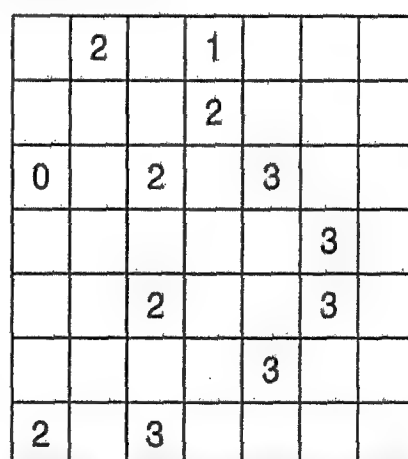


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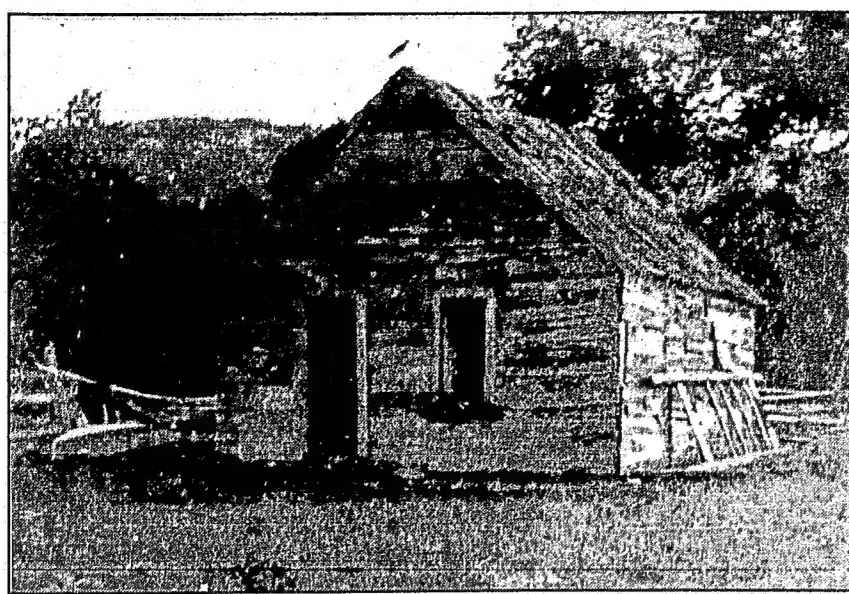
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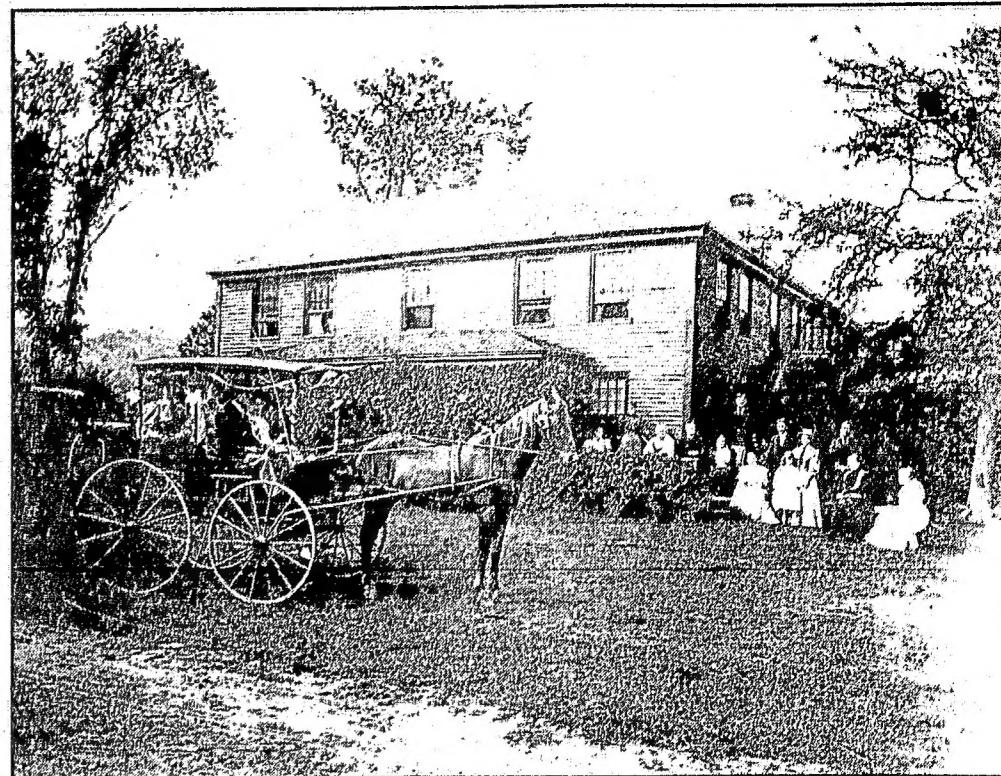
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in the late 1770's and built this cabin (above), still standing into the 1920's, although this photo dates from 1880. Thomas married Mary Reed in 1799 They lived there, farmed, began construction of the red house, and had seven children. Thomas, Sr. died before the house was completed. His son, Thomas, Jr. operated the house as an inn and stage stop until the railroad came through. The cabin was used as a shed throughout the 1920's.

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PATRICIA MILLER GLIDDEN

Patricia Miller Glidden, 75, of York, passed away peacefully on Dec. 22, 2014, surrounded by her husband, Carl and children, Robert, Suzann, Colleen and Shawn at St. Ann's in Dover, N.H.

Patricia was born on Jan. 11, 1939 in Gouverneur, N.Y. In 1954 her parents, William Paul Miller and Margaret Marion Segreve Miller, moved to East Rochester, N.H. where they owned and operated the general store known as Miller's Market. Patricia grew up on Wear Street with her parents and younger brother, David Miller.

Patricia graduated from Spaulding High School in 1957 and was voted best dressed by her high school classmates. She went on to participate in the Miss New Hampshire pageant, and attended modeling school in Boston. In 1958, she married her high school sweetheart and life-long love, Carl Glidden. They later moved to West Lebanon and raised their four children and enjoyed the company of their

neighbors. Together, Carl and Patricia owned and operated several successful businesses, including Glidden's Shop N Save in Bethel, Maine, which they established in 1979.

When her children were grown, Patricia built her dream home on the Nubble at the cliffs of Dover Bluff in York. There, overlooking Long Sands beach, she cultivated a beautiful garden and hosted many memorable gatherings. In the winter, she and Carl vacationed together and enjoyed warmer weather and each other's company. Patricia loved to travel and had a great appreciation for art, culture and history. She was a skilled sewer and knitter.

Patricia was a devoted daughter and spent many years caring for her mother who passed away in 2012 at the age of 99. Patricia cared deeply and generously for her family. She encouraged her family to pursue their dreams and delighted in each of their individual talents and accomplishments.

Patricia is survived by her husband of 56 years, Carl Glidden; her four children,

Robert Glidden of North Berwick, Suzann Glidden of Lebanon, Colleen (Glidden) McCabe of Lebanon and Shawn Glidden of North Conway; her brother David Miller of Rochester, N.H.; seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, her best friend of 60+ years Mary Carpenter and a large extended family, all of whom loved her dearly.

Family and friends visited Monday, Dec. 29, at the R.M. Edgerly and Son Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday, Dec. 30 at St. Mary Church located on Lowell Street in Rochester, N.H.

Burial will take place in the New Cold Spring Cemetery in the spring.

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MARGARET E. BROOKS

Margaret E. Brooks, age 59 of Greenwood, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015 at Ledgeview Living Center.

Margaret was born in Worcester, Mass. on Feb. 2, 1955, a daughter of Ernest and Ellen (Hopkins) Arse-

nault and was educated in Worcester schools.

She married Frank Brooks on Aug. 21, 2005 and was a homemaker most of her life. She had lived in Greenwood for nine years and had attended the Bryant Pond Baptist Church.

She is predeceased by her mother and a brother, Michael Arsenault.

Surviving are her husband of Greenwood; her father of Auburn; a daughter, Kathy Bergeron of Bethel; two sisters, Celia Chambers and her husband Terry of Lyman and Faith Ann Leduc and her husband Ernest of Oxford; and two grandchildren, Maggie Bergeron and Stephanie Geyer, both of Bethel.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 16, 2015 at the Bryant Pond Baptist Church. Interment will be in the Brooks Family Cemetery in Greenwood in the spring. Arrangements are under the care of Chandler Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, 45 Main Street, South Paris. Condolences can be expressed to the family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

Births



CROCKETT

Harbor Jaxston Lego Crockett was born on Tuesday, December 9 at Stephen's Memorial Hospital in Norway. He was welcomed into the world by his mom, Christine Lego, his dad, Alex Crockett, his maternal grandmother, Tonda Blossom and his auntie HaHa and cousin Sage.

Harbor Jaxston couldn't wait to meet his big sister, Taejyah Vadyn and his MiMi, who were waiting in the family room.

Harbor's maternal grandparents are Tonda Blossom and Randy Lego of Hanover. Nana Eleanor Blossom of Homosassa, Fla. was overjoyed to hear of her great-grandson's birth.

Paternal grandparents include the late Lisa Buckman of Bryant Pond, and Andy and Cheri Crockett of Bethel.

GAUDETTE

Michaela Ravenscraft and Christian Gaudette of South Paris are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Luke Alexander Gaudette, born on Dec. 24, 2014 at 10:20 p.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds.

Maternal grandmother is Joanne Russell of South Paris. Paternal grandmother is Josee Farrar of Norway.

DaPonte String Quartet performance

"The best string quartet in Maine," says DownEast magazine. The acclaimed DaPonte String Quartet will give a lecture/performance on Jan. 22 at 4 p.m. in the Trustee's Auditorium of the Gould Academy McLaughlin Science Center. Sponsored by the Western Mountains Senior College, the performance is open to the

public and will be followed by a reception.

The presentation, "The Biology of Music," will feature a performance of Mendelssohn, Schumann, and Brahms masterworks, with an accompanying lecture relating the music to biological story structure. The group will show how the sonata form of Franz Joseph Hayden (1782-1809) built narrative into music through the use of protagonist, antagonist, conflict and resolution. Later composers like Mendelssohn, Schumann

and Brahms developed the form into complex musical stories. Observers then noted that their structure resembled "biological stories."

The DaPonte Quartet was formed 23 years ago in Philadelphia and shortly thereafter moved to the beautiful mid-coast area of Maine, where, as the New York Times noted, they created an experience "like watching the Celtics play in the local gym." They have forged a strong bond with the audiences of Maine: when

they debuted at Carnegie Hall, large numbers of their Maine faithful listeners traveled to New York for the event.

In addition to playing an active concert series each fall, winter and spring, mostly at mid-coast venues, they have their own students, are regularly on Maine Public Radio, and travel the state, introducing classical music to public elementary students. Each September, they conduct a weekend workshop for Maine high school string students. Prior to the Se-

nior College lecture/performance, the quartet will conduct two sessions at the Crescent Park Elementary School. Their visit to Bethel is made possible through the Mahosuc Arts Council (www.mahosucarts.org). For more detailed information about the quartet and their schedule of concerts visit their website at www.daponte.org.

The public is invited to this Jan. 22 event, and admission is free. For more information call Jim Bekko at 824-4545.

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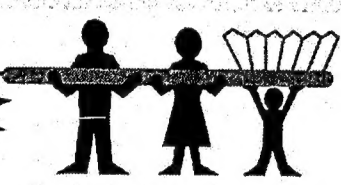
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